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1943

Robert E. Speer, D.D.  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear friend:

Your note of August 13 touched my heart very deeply. I have been very tired but the doctors tell me that there is nothing organically wrong except complete exhaustion. I hope to be given enough sense to take a little rest although my friends sometimes despair of my getting wisdom.

Thank you again for your thought of me.

Affectionately yours,

Reid

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Datta, Rena

138D Model Town,  
Lahore, Punjab, India.

August 21. 1943.

Dear Dr. Speer,

Your very kind letter of sympathy written over a year ago merited an earlier answer. I want to write now and thank you and Mrs. Speer for your thought of me and your sympathy and your prayers. I remember Mrs. Speer so well and her kindness to me when I was in the Y.W.C.A. I wish you could both see Forman College as it is today. Doc gave it his best, his rich experience, his strong faith, and the last years of his work on earth. Mercifully for him the end was swift and painless, and he has the advantage you all today.

Yours very sincerely,

Rena Datta

# DR. PEALE WARNS ON DANGERS HERE

Tells Sons of Revolution That  
5 Causes of Rome's Fall Are  
'Sinister in Our Midst'

*Dr. Peale*

SOCIETY HONORS ITS DEAD

51st Annual Service, Held in  
Brick Presbyterian Church,  
Is Washington Tribute

The fifty-first annual service of the Sons of the Revolution in the State of New York was held yesterday afternoon in the Brick Presbyterian Church, Park Avenue and Ninety-first Street, to commemorate the birth of George Washington and to honor the memory of the fifty-eight members of the society who died during the last year.

The service was marked by an evaluation of the liberty-loving tradition of the society and a warning that the causes that led to the Roman Empire's fall are "sinister in our midst today" from the Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, minister of the Marble Collegiate Church.

The Rev. Dr. Paul Austin Wolfe, minister of the church, led the service from amid a forest of seventy-five Revolutionary battle flags that filled the chancel. The flags, replicas of combat colors carried in the Revolution, included those brought by the Pennsylvania and New Jersey units of the Sons.

The flags formed part of a procession that filed up the center aisle under the direction of Brig. Gen. John F. Daniell as marshall. The Veteran Corps of artillery, in blue uniforms and plumed shakos, marched under Brig. Gen. Charles Elliot Warren, and color guards of the Army, the Navy and the Marine Corps carried their flags to the front of the church.

After the throng of 1,000 persons had joined in singing the national anthem, the Rev. Dr. Millard Lyman Robinson, chaplain of the society, read the names of members who died during the last year.

Dr. Peale related from Gibbon's book on the Roman Empire five reasons for the empire's fall: rapid increase in divorce rate, undermining the home; higher and higher taxes "in order that certain governmental forms of control might be maintained"; increased cost of armament, while the real enemies were "not without but within"; obsession with licentious pleasures, and the "decay of spiritual religion into formalism empty and meaningless."

It is an inestimable privilege, he said, that "we in our time are apparently being called upon to sustain freedom as no generation has been called upon for a long, long time."

## EUROPE'S TRADE Feb 17. 44

The League of Nations publishes today an excellent study of the part played by European trade in the trade of the world prior to the outbreak of the war. The work is interesting and important for two reasons: First, because it is the most complete statistical study on the subject available; second, because it is the first publication to be prepared and issued in this country by the Economic Intelligence Service of the League, part of which was established at Princeton, N. J., last September to carry on the work previously done at Geneva.

Until the breakdown of the Thirties the pattern of Europe's trade had been triangular and multilateral, a factor of considerable importance to the United States. Thus the United States was able to finance its net purchases in other continents by its export surplus to Europe, while the countries in other continents that were indebted to Europe paid interest on their debts out of the proceeds of their export surplus to this country. This offsetting of trade balance became disorganized in the depression years when the discontinuance of foreign loans, the fall of prices and the growth of economic nationalism led to trade and currency restrictions in nearly every country. The aggressive use by Germany of barter and clearing agreements set the pace for a general disruption of the earlier pattern of Europe's trade.

As country after country tried by isolationist means to protect itself from the consequences of currency and trade restrictions, the triangular character of Europe's trade was destroyed and growing difficulties arose. The lesson of the whole period, as it is summed up in the League's study, is that in Europe, more than elsewhere, the attempts of countries to attain greater independence in their foreign commercial relations have only brought to light how much countries depend economically upon each other. That is a lesson to be borne in mind when Europe once again faces the problem of post-war reconstruction.

# ture Greenwood

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the Civil War.

The year 1856 is a memorable year with me. This was my first year in Greenwood, my wife was born in this year and it was the year of the great Preston B. Brooks dinner at Ninety Six. I was too young to fully comprehend the meaning of that great celebration, but I knew and remember many who had to do with it. I have finished my task. I have given you a picture of a small village that seemed destined to become a great little city and the end is not yet. During the past week I have felt unusually well, have walked up town several times without being fatigued in the least and thus saving a little gas.

I now close with a still deeper sense of gratitude than when I began.

J. F. DAVIS.

March 16th, 1941.

To Relieve  
Misery of

**AIDS**

I celebrated my 90th birthday with an article for the  
Inex\* Journal. Foster McCasslan suggested that I send  
you a copy. May be my picture will be the only thing  
you will be interested in. You will at least have the  
pleasure of looking into my face again.  
You might read the fourth paragraph where I speak of  
myself and father.

J. J. Davis

Box 287

Freemont, N.C.

Dickson, Hugh F.

HUGH F. DICKSON

*HFD*

RHODES-HAVERY BUILDING  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

December 31, 1943.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I was out during the Christmas Season with an acute attack of influenza and which foreclosed my sending you our eager good wishes for the Christmas and New Year. I trust you will accept same at this time. We speak of Mrs. Speer and you so often and trust you may come back within our midst very soon. Dr. Gardner and I were speaking of you and your vast influence upon the whole world recently, and I emphasized that I doubted any influence upon the Christian gospel superior to your own. Surely you have lived an abundant life. And I ask that you never lose sight of the fact that I always feel so grateful to you for the marvelous influence you have been upon my own life and the lives of all of my family. Please never lose sight of that.

Perhaps I may get to hear you sometime in New York very soon. I am to be there for a week to ten days sometime about the 12th of January, and I shall watch for announcement of the possibility of your being there then, in our of the churches.

With eager good wishes and assurance of the very highest esteem.

Your sincere,

*Hugh F. Dickson*

512 Jefferson Ave. Elizabeth, N. J.

Dimock, Leila A.

1917  
My dear Dr. Spurr,

I asked a friend  
to tell you what a  
disappointment it was  
to me not to hear  
you while you were here,  
but such messages  
often get side-tracked,  
so I send you this  
word directly.



But a light case of grippe kept  
me indoors for two weeks, - every  
day my prayers were with you  
and I eagerly watched for  
the Journal account of your words,  
and they were such good words!

Then I heard that Mrs. Spurr  
was not with you and that your  
dear daughter Margaret was ill  
in New York, - do give my love to  
them both! I was one of the

For weeks I had  
looked forward to this  
trip, and I had hoped  
not only to hear you at  
Westminster but to have  
a nice little visit  
with you and Mrs. Spur  
at your hotel, for I  
wanted to recall those  
days when you were both  
living here with us - a  
time that is always  
a happy memory.

very many whose hearts  
were so relieved when we  
was assured of her safe  
arrival in the home land.

May you all have a joyful  
Christmas together!

Your little books "Remember  
Jesus Christ" and "The Man  
Christ Jesus" I have valued so  
highly all these years and  
loaned them in our present  
Bible class, in preparation for  
your coming.

With affectionate appreciation of  
all you have given to us,

Truly,  
December 16, '43  
Leila A. Vinson

Dobson, W. H.

303 Lathrop St.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 6, 1940

Dear Dr. Speer:

Your characteristically kind letter to me is much appreciated. While in New York I had hoped to catch a glimpse of you. Some day when I can feel free to leave my nearly ninety-nine year old father, perhaps a visit to you at your home may be made.

You recall the past and I believe you are right about being the only one of the secretaries then in service. Drs. Gillespie and Ellinwood were on the China secretariat. Yourself and Dr. Halsey were the only ones remembered by me at that time.

It has been a wonderful period of development in foreign missions. As I have been telling my audiences, we have lived to plant the seed and now see its fruit. To think that but a scant one hundred years has seen such an advance. Still with it all we are unprofitable servants for we have not done what was our duty to do. This we should have done and more. If the more had been accomplished perhaps the present world devastating catastrophe would not have been necessary.

The China situation as viewed by one from the skirmish line, is developing along lines clearly indicated by God's will. Japan's new broom is sweeping cobwebs of superstition and prying the Chinese out of their centuries old satanic asphyxiation. Now we see villages and most other, previously barred points wide open and beckoning for the light of truth. Recently I asked one of our pastors why things are so open. His reply was "That is easily understood

when one considers the students from these mission schools and the patients from your own hospital who have returned to their homes."

In my estimation the morale of the Chinese is close to one hundred percent. With the example of their leaders, Chiang Kai-Shih and wife a new hope is arising. Christians are being looked up to as ones dependable.

I realize that most of this is more or less trite to you, but it is fresh from the field, confirming viewpoints of others.

With warmest regards and good wishes for your continued physical good health, I am

Yours cordially,

W. H. Dobson

FOR YOUR *Christmas*



*Robson*



May the spirit  
born of Christmas  
Make blessings  
yours anew,  
And the beauty  
of the Season  
Bring lasting joys  
to you!

W. H. Dobson

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THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

156 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

MEDICAL DEPARTMENT  
E. M. DODD, M. D.

September 16, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
"Rockledge"  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

As this enclosed historical inquiry from Philadelphia is beyond my ken, and, while we are looking up the first medical people appointed by our Board, I am venturing to ask whether you could give any information - from what you know - without bothering to look up anything. Or you might be able to give me a special lead, which I could follow up. Anyway, thank you for any suggestion.

This gives me a chance to pass on a little "156" news, though some of it may be repetitious.

We were so sorry that you could not be with us on our Retreat. We finally had Roswell Barnes, Emory Ross, Paul Johnston and Phillips Elliott, all of whom made real and distinctive contributions to our thinking and inspiration. The day was very worthwhile, we all feel, and I think will be repeated next year.

Emory Ross, as you know, has just accepted the Executive Secretaryship of the Committee of Reference and Counsel, after Dr. Watson declined it. Emory is a splendid fellow, whom I have come to know well through the Leper Mission. He is a wonderful team-worker, is creative and tactfully aggressive. He and Charlie Leber scored high on that Convocation in the spring.

You will be glad to know that Miss Schultz has resumed in the office, - minus field work for the present - and is getting along quite well, though the sustained test will only register with more time. It has been a long, hard pull, with much uncertainty. She apparently had a small cardiac embolism one night in Hamadan, as well as the heart specialist can figure it out, resulting in considerable damage to the heart muscle. We are hoping that she has turned the corner toward a partial or considerable return to normal. When you see her again you may be a bit shocked by seeing her so thin; but this is an intentional part of the regime, so that her weight stays within what the heart can manage. Otherwise she is her old self again. It would be hard to think of anyone on the present staff, whom we could less afford to spare.

We have had much more than average bad luck on staff health this past summer. Lloyd Ruland had what seemed like a heart attack, of the angina type, when starting a speaking schedule out on the coast in August. The cardiologist thinks it was more nervous than heart and gives him an encouraging prognosis, if he stays within bounds awhile. That means a lightened schedule



for the next weeks or months, as he returns to the office now.

Dr. Hooper had a hernia operation and has been getting all right, though greatly burdened by the approaching Chosen Conference, which we all, I imagine, more or less dread.

Dr. Browning was gone over by the Myers Brothers in Kansas City and the Mayo Clinic in August, after being treated from time to time here by a specialist for a longstanding, husky throat. A cancer nodule was found on the vocal cords and completely removed. They believe that the outlook as to recurrence is fairly good. For the time being he can only whisper, though otherwise well.

This last was particularly hard lines at their granddaughter, Pat's, wedding on Saturday, to Mac Fleming. A very beautiful affair and, of course, quite a gathering of the clans.

The Brownings have decided to settle in Wooster.

Andy, Mrs. Rex Clements and I are booked for the Guatemala deputation in October and November, though there is some eleventh hour doubt about her being able to go. The Mexico visitation will follow this, with the addition, we hope of the Littels, and the subtraction of myself.

I am reminded of ten years ago, when Frank Bible and I started our trip around, in a very different world than now.

Dr. Eugene Henke of Shuntefu is going to carry on for me during the five weeks I am away, as Herman Wylie and Dr. Beach did in 1930-31.

I was up at Clifton Springs a couple of weeks ago. The summer has been only fair. But the encouraging development is their being taken into the group hospitalization plan of the Rochester region, which Adrian has been working for, for some time. It will bring in more of the sort of people he wants to serve and probably furnish a back-log of income, which they have not had. Otherwise the place seems to me in good shape. Judge Southerland, over unanimous protests, has resigned as Chairman, and Mr. Babcock elected chairman in his place.

The joint medical office organized under Dr. Hume (Christian Medical Council) has had rocky going financially and nearly reached the end of the rope in June. We revised some things then and are carrying on for a trial period of a few months. Dr. Hume has proved his real usefulness to the boards, which do not have medical officers, and has helped all of us, but he has not tapped the money we hoped for. Mr. Harkness was the greatest disappointment. Even though we realized how he had shifted in his giving, we thought Hume could still secure a few thousands from him. The Davison Fund has been our sheet anchor. And they will presently taper off.

Dr. Robert E. Speer

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September 16, 1940

The other joint medical office under Dr. Vaughan, which confines itself to health matters, and includes a good laboratory technician, is getting along very well. I do most of our examining over there.

Our family is growing up, as they do, - 16, 14 and 10 at the moment - and Rose keeps strenuously busy in all sorts of things.

With affectionate regards.

Very sincerely,

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*Dougherty, Wilbert H.*

**WILBERT H. DOUGHERTY FREEPORT, PENNSYLVANIA**

August 27, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Belatedly, I want to thank you for the book. I have scanned it with pleasure and profit. I will read it this winter.

I also want to thank you for your vital contribution to our meeting at Jumonville. My own heart was moved and warmed by your life and ministry. You have made a helpful contribution to my life.

Sincerely yours in Him,

*Wilbert H. Dougherty*

Drake, Hurd Allyn

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
KOKOMO, INDIANA

February 3, 1942

Dr. Robert E. speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeside, Conn.

Dear Doctor Speer:

You will recall our conversations at the McCormick's Creek State Park about Kokomo Junior College of which I am president in connection with my pastorate.

I am fortunate in having a Dean who is a man of wide experience and is therefore able to deliver me from many details of administration. This makes it possible for me to serve in this educational way without injustice to my church.

I am not sure whether I have ever sent you our most recent catalog or not. I send one under separate cover. Advancement has been made in service and the enrollment of our community institution. You see it is our ambition to serve well the youth of the fifty mile circle of which Kokomo is the center by furnishing them two years of college work on the highest academic level.

You will note the page next the front cover on which the aim of Kokomo Junior College is set forth. A new factor in community response is represented on page six on which are listed the names of the charter members of the Women's Commission.

The listing of faculty personnel will indicate that we are maintaining the high level of scholarly requirements which has characterized the college from the beginning. This has been one of the secrets of our success. Fortunately, these persons are willing to make tremendous sacrifices to get this institution permanently established in the life of this community. We want to make higher education possible for many who could not otherwise have such an opportunity and to provide for them on such a high intellectual and cultural plane that they will be able to enter other institutions of learning for their advanced work with advantage over the average who take their freshman and sophomore years in four year institutions. Our alumni have consistently demonstrated their ability to do this. Last year a group of eight students in Purdue University who had had all or a part of our courses made a flat average of "A-" for the group. This, you will agree, is a most amazing thing.

The fine record made by our graduates in other institutions attracts honor high school graduates to our little college. A glance at page ten will indicate a list of colleges and universities to which our credits have already been transferred. In a word, we are listed as "A-1" with the colleges and universities of America; and our institution is a member of the American Association of Junior Colleges.

A glance at page 19ff. will indicate that we hold our curriculum offerings to basic things. We do not have a desire to do something in the way of education for those who have no intention of going further with their formal training than the courses of junior college, and we are making a study of this kind of curriculum.

Page 31 is new and interesting and will be the object of prayer of all of us who are connected with this institution. As you know I do not receive one cent for my work as President of Kokomo Junior College and consider it as much a part of my ministry as my pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church. I therefore make the college a matter of prayer and hold it up to the Lord in continual intercession. I am glad to say that the members of our faculty are Christian people, every one of them. Knowing your life as a man of prayer, I ask you again to pray for this educational institution.

Did I tell you that the Common Council of the City of Kokomo has voted to the College one of our well located park properties, seven or eight acres in extent, as soon as the College can erect a suitable structure thereon?

As you know, this altruistic institution is very much on my heart. I write to you for some suggestions which you may be able to give. The college needs two things to continue its service and to make needed growth: some reasonably substantial gifts to current funds; and some person or persons to become interested in it as a memorial which will render continual service to youth. There is no great wealth within this fifty mile circle. We have had some modest financial campaigns, but they can not be repeated frequently. If I could only have a prospect list of people able to give sums ranging from five hundred dollars to five thousand dollars, I think I could without injustice to my pastorate, take a two or three day period about once a month to interview such persons. I do feel however, that it would not be just to leave my parish even for so short a time without pretty definite program for meeting such prospects. Perhaps you can suggest how I can go about getting suitable names. I shall be most grateful. As for the great sum needed for a memorial foundation, I am doing what I can in prayer but so far know of only one possible source. That can wait the Lord's time, but this less extensive undergirding needs doing at once. Pardon my boldness in asking your advice and interest.

Most cordially,

*Hurd Olyn Drake*

Dudley, Joseph M.

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Jan 13

Corfu, New York  
June 4, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

If you can spare the time to read the attached file of letters, I feel sure you will agree that we laymen who were members of the committee in question are justified in the conclusion that within Genesee Presbytery laymen are not wanted in positions that offer some scope for initiative.

On the day Britain declared war, I was driving from Ames, Iowa to Chicago. The voice of Elmer Davis brought to my ears one exciting bulletin after another. The distress and memory of that day were burned deeply into my soul. Three weeks later as a delegate to Presbytery, I pled for the appointment of a committee of laymen authorized to find ways of serving during the war days. Mr. Walker, pastor of the Perry, N. Y. church, chairman of the Committee on Religious Education and Social Action, agreed to have such a committee linked to his committee. It was six months later, after I had made several inquiries, that the committee was appointed. It met promptly and saw one definite line of action--securing help for war victims. Mr. Walker in conversation said that our mission was not the raising of money. But when, within an hour, I made a report to Presbytery of what we hoped to do and used a chart showing how we proposed to have local committees in every church linked to Presbytery through my committee and that of Mr. Walker, no word of protest was offered. Feeling that we had at least the silent consent of Presbytery, we began by organizing a "so-much-a-month" club in my own church. The response was so fine that I had visions of grand things from our other sixteen churches and wrote the letter of May 18th, 1940, copy attached, to our pastors. Dr. McLean of Batavia was the only one to answer. Far from saying that our committee was out of line he said, "I think your committee is doing a splendid work." Our own local pastor, Rev. Wm. T. Eaton, present when I presented the matter to our session, and a regular contributor to our fund, never has hinted that our committee was acting beyond its commission. He is stated Clerk of Genesee Presbytery. I presented our plan in the churches at Attica and Wyoming where no thought was voiced against our efforts. In conversation with three other ministers I got dissent from but one. The circumstances in this latter case are so peculiar and so revealing that I must make the following statement--I called upon and met for the first time a young minister who had recently taken a charge in this Presbytery. He declined

to discuss the question of help for war victims, and dismissed me with the statement that he was opposed in principle to the appointment of such a committee as mine, and with these words twice repeated: "You and I do not speak the same language."

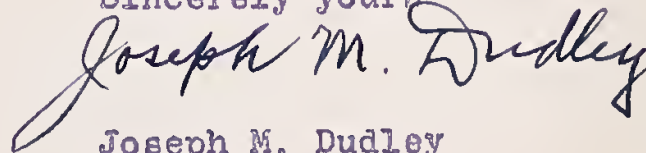
From all this and the fact that Mr. Walker never addressed a line to me until after I had learned from the press that our committee had not been reappointed, the need of which I was unaware, I concluded that laymen are not wanted in positions of leadership in this Presbytery even in these days of distress. I cannot believe this is typical of Presbyterianism.

The committee to which Mr. Walker refers as originating with himself "two or three years ago," is so remote from any knowledge of mine, and our committee is of so recent appointment and of so very recent a death, that I feel warranted in applying the terms, "scuttled," or "sabotaged."

I do not have it in my heart to call down fire on the heads of anyone of my brethren. I distrust most of what is called righteous indignation. Especially do I distrust my own type of righteous indignation. I went into this business of relief because I felt and now feel that our Lord's identification of himself with the suffering cannot be taken in too literal a sense. I entered upon it with the high hope and joy of ~~our~~ <sup>an</sup> expected fellowship with my brethren in a high enterprise. But His ways are not our ways. Now, in my advanced years, I can appreciate Paul's feelings when his own turned against him, and also his feelings of compassion for them and his hope for their repentance.

I am sending copies of this letter to our pastors and laymen and am trying to be prepared for whatever this action may bring upon me.

Sincerely yours



Joseph M. Dudley

JMD/EAB

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Corfu, New York  
May 19, 1941

Rev. George W. Walker  
Perry, New York

Dear Mr. Walker:

As I read your letters of May 2nd and 16th, it appears to me that your mind has been mainly on procedure and definition. My concern has been and is now to do something that will really count in this world-wide emergency. The one outstanding opportunity is the securing of gifts for the relief of those made homeless and helpless by the war.

Possibly my committee which has devoted its efforts mainly to the securing of funds to be handed on to the Presbyterian United Emergency Fund Committee should have been related to some other section than the one of which you are chairman. We would have been quite agreeable to such change. But now there seems to be nothing more definite for us to do than, to quote from your letter, "to try to formulate principles for the conduct of our churches regarding matters of peace and war." For such a restricted program we can have little enthusiasm, for it rules out the main issue, relief for war victims.

The nominating committee of which you speak or some one is responsible for a virtual act of sabotage in wiping out a committee of laymen who were eagerly trying to render real service.

Believing this case needs the spot light, I am sending complete file of our correspondence to Dr. Barnes of the Presbyterian United Emergency Funds Committee, to Dr. Robert E. Speer, and to some of our own laymen.

Sincerely yours,



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*Copy*

May 16, 1941

Mr. J. M. Dudley  
Corfu, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Dudley:

I am very sorry that you have taken such a reaction to what I wrote you in my letter of May 2nd. I am anxious that we should have a better understanding. As it seems to me now, the fault is not with me, nor with you, but in the fact that you were understanding things one way, and I another. In fact, I have had the feeling ever since this recent development started two years ago, that there was need of exact definition and clear understanding.

I certainly have not been unsympathetic, and have had no desire to scuttle your work, as you charge. Indeed I have been active from the first to give your fine enthusiasm every opportunity for service. For that reason, I spoke in Presbytery in favor of setting up a subcommittee along the line that you had been talking of, and Presbytery, on my recommendation, took the action you quoted in your letter "to have the council appoint a sub-committee to act jointly with the Christian Education and Social Action Committee to formulate for our churches principles of conduct regarding matters of war and peace". Again, when the council met to carry out this command of Presbytery, I was active in seeing to it that laymen were the majority of the committee (as I knew you wanted) and that you were made chairman. If I, as chairman of the standing committee on Christian Education and Social Action, had opposed the action in any way, it seems quite unlikely that Presbytery or the Council would have acted as it did. Remember that our standing rules puts all social action in our Presbytery under the responsibility of the standing committee of which I have been chairman for several years. It was by my efforts that a special way was found to use your energy for the good of Presbytery. If I had just been passige, there would have been nothing done.

I write this not to imply that I hold any unusual influence in Presbytery, but just to emphasize that the Presbytery has a regular way of handling all matters of social action, incorporated in our standing rules, and that the Presbytery is rather careful to carry on in regular ways, unless a strong case is made out for a special emergency change.

Again, notice that the action of Presbytery made a special sub-committee to act jointly with the regular standing

committee. Now the regular standing committee is elected only for a year, and all terms of office expire every spring. It would be most irregular for a sub-committee to survive the committee it is intended to help. As a matter of fact, your sub-committee was recognized, and so continued, at the spring meeting in 1940. Then, for the first time, Presbytery ratified the action of the Council in appointing you and the others. It could only be recognized as a sub-committee, unless Presbytery officially changed its standing rules. I was willing that the arrangement should stand to give you a year of service under the new arrangement. The year of service expired with the spring meeting in April 1941; and at the time, my service as chairman of the standing committee on Christian Education and Social Action expired, and the terms of office of all others on the committee with me, and of all sub-committees. Presbytery was free to make any appointments it chose for the new year. The nominating committee presented my name again for chairman of the regular standing committee, although I did not want to carry the responsibility again, (and told the nominating committee so). It was not up to the nominating committee to do anything about sub-committees. So, as I wrote you May 2nd, the first period of service of your committee lapsed. Then the members of the committee on Christian Education and Social Action met (at noon) to consider how the very many responsibilities of this department could best be carried on for the new year, and we thought it time to give recognition to the importance of Social Action, as I wrote you, by making it one of the divisions of our work to be organized under a member of the standing committee. I know that Mr. Olschewske is a good one for such a responsibility. In fact, he had already gotten Presbytery to take action on a matter which you were advocating later. There was no disposition, however, to let the good work you had done die, and we wanted you to continue in the same department. So the subcommittee is Mr. Olschewske and you. I don't see that we have made a mistake with either appointment. Both are interested and active, and we count on you for continued good work. So, instead of "scuttling" your committee, I have been very active in keeping it in operation, and continuing it into the new year. I am very anxious that a good piece of work be done by this sub-committee during the months ahead.

In a way, you are definitely freer now than you were in your past year of service. The work you were supposed to do last year was "to act jointly with the Christian Education and Social Action Committee to formulate for our churches principles of conduct regarding matters of war and peace". You have really been busy with a number of good projects that this original commission said nothing about. I raised the question, you know,

whether what you were doing was within the field given to you. I did not doubt that it was good work. You have done a number of good things, some of which have been "social action" in a larger sense, though not within your original commission. Now, with the new appointment, you are a sub-committee on social action, and anything in the realm of social action is a proper matter for you to handle. Unfortunately, when you first began your work, you did not have the guidance of the leaf let on social action that I got to you later, defining the field as our church officially understands it. Unfortunately, too, I was not present at your original discussion; in fact, I was not even informed of the meeting, until it was over; so that from the start, there was a failure in the purpose "to act jointly with the Christian Education and Social Action Committee". In spite of your difficulties, though, you did some fine things, and I have always tried to fulfil my part of the cooperation. I think it would be a good thing, after the several sub-committees have had a chance to formulate their plans, to have all members of the committee on Christian Education and Social Action and all its sub-committees meet together, to clear our understanding of how the whole work should gear together. I am sorry I have not taken the initiative in arranging for such a meeting in the past year. I hope we need not wait for such a meeting, though, to gain an understanding between us. The charges you made in your letter have given me a good deal of sorrow, and have led me to take more time than I should in writing this, so that if possible, we may understand one another and make progress together in good things. I should be doing a lot of last minute things for my church, right now, before leaving for the general assembly.

I hope this letter has helped to clear misunderstandings. I want you to keep on with your fine service in many good causes. The Presbytery and the standing committee on Christian Education and Social Action is looking to you and Mr. Olschewske, either or both, to lead us in good projects in the field of social action all through this year.

Yours faithfully,

*Signed*

*George W. Walker*

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Corfu, New York  
May 12, 1941

Reverend George W. Walker  
Pastor, Presbyterian Church  
Perry, New York

Dear Mr. Walker:

Referring to your letter of May 2nd, 1941:

Kindly permit me to call to your attention the actual facts about the commission given to the subcommittee on Religious Education and Social Action. Please note the attached copy of this commission handed me by the stated Clerk. So far as I know this commission has not been withdrawn. It was granted less than two years ago at Pike in September 1939. The appointment of the committee was not made until March 11, 1940, just 14 months ago. The committee began activities in May, 1940, just exactly one year ago. During this past year, I have addressed to you and others a number of letters regarding the urgent appeals, from our Presbyterian Emergency Funds Committee for relief for war sufferers. And as late as February 20 of this year, I wrote you and others regarding pending liquor legislation At Albany. To my bewilderment and regret I received never a line from you.

Now I recall that you were annoyed when at Presbytery one year ago I told you of the plans of my sub-committee to raise funds for the relief of refugees. I recall too, your rather curt response that the business of my committee was not to raise funds, but to study ways of preventing war. However, when in the afternoon I presented the plan to Presbytery with a chart showing how we hoped to organize and link local committees to ours and through it to yours and to presbytery, no opposition was expressed by you or anyone. I took the stand that it was truly social action to help starving, homeless, men women, and children, and quoted, "I was an hungered and ye gave me meat." It has taken me a long time to realize that you were entirely out of sympathy with what we were trying to do.

During the past 12 months our Corfu Committee has raised by our So-much-a-month-plan, \$334.05, and sent that amount to headquarters. During this time, I must admit that I was quite zealous, possibly over-zealous, in urging you and all members of Genesee Presbytery to respond to the calls that were coming from our headquarters in Philadelphia. I had a vision of our small enough gifts multiplied by sixteen or seventeen. The report from headquarters shows that but three of our churches responded in any substantial way.

You state in your letter of May 2nd, the only one you have addressed to me, "Two or three years ago the Presbytery on my recommendation set up a special committee, not one of the standing committees, but a temporary experimental arrangement." This committee to which you refer is one I know nothing about and with which I was not connected. My committee has been in actual existence but one year. It was so recently commissioned that it can in no way be identified with some temporary committee set up two or three years ago. You must be able to recall that at the Pike meeting I asked the favor of a seat beside you at the dinner table where I explained my wish that we laymen might find some really worthwhile task<sup>~</sup> this war period, and stated that such an enterprise would seem to fit best into our church organization as a sub-committee of your committee on Religious Education and Social Action. You agreed to this. And do you not recall that it was I who presented the matter in the afternoon and that when questioned by the moderator, you and two members of your committee, Mr. Olschewski and Mr. Wilcox gave consent? Thereupon my suggestion was put in the form of a motion and carried.

It is beyond dispute as the records will show that I reported for my committee at Presbytery in Batavia in April of last year, and at Presbytery in Corfu in September last. And only last month my report was sent to you by Mr. Eaton who told me that you read it before the recent Presbytery in Wyoming. How then could you state? "Anyway the temporary committee lapsed in due time," if you were referring to my committee so recently commissioned and actively trying to do something to help in these days of agonizing need?

Without notice to my committee of your intention, you scuttled it, or tried to do so. But is it not true that only Presbytery can recall a commission it has granted?

Personally being near my 77th birthday and having an invalid wife to care for, it would be a relief to be free of responsibility. But with my conviction that laymen should bear a larger share of responsibility in this period of world-wide strife and suffering, I must enter protest against the thing you have done and feel it a duty to lay the case before some of our laymen of Genesee Presbytery, and before our church leaders in Philadelphia, who have expressed such deep appreciation of what my committee has been doing.

I would like to know too what counsel Dr. Robert E. Speer would give us regarding this situation.

I do not mean to act in haste but will wait until you and I can have further conference if it is your wish that we should do so.

Sincerely yours,

*J. M. Audley*

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May 2, 1941

Mr. J. M. Dudley  
Corfu, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Dudley:

I apologize for not getting word to you officially after the meeting of Presbytery about the way in which the committee work is organized. It seems especially discourteous on my part, in view of the real interest you have taken in an important part of our work.

The official status seems to be this. We have had for years a committee on Christian Education and Social Action, one of the standing committees of Presbytery. Some Presbyteries have separate committees, but in a Presbytery of the size of ours it seemed better to bring the whole field under one committee; just as we have only one committee to serve as committee on National Missions and committee on Ministerial Relations. Two or three years ago, the Presbytery, on my recommendation, set up a special committee, not one of the standing committees, but a temporary experimental arrangement, to assist the regular standing committee in the field of social action. We never did get the proper sphere of activity defined, or any working relationship with the regular committee. My hope was that the special committee might help in organizing social action committees in every church of the Presbytery, and find some way of gathering the opinions and purposes of laymen, especially, to a focus for united strength. This organizing work has not gotten very far. There was some real progress in getting after certain matters that Presbytery might have done little about without your help, and, after the first project or two, the matters have been definitely within the field of social action. A sample of the good work is your present interest in the Senate and House bills prohibiting liquor near military establishments. This matter was, in fact, brought to the attention of the Presbytery at its last meeting, by Mr. Olschewske. There are two sides to the argument, but all present were heartily in sympathy with the purpose of the bills.

Any way, the temporary special committee lapsed in due time, and at the last meeting of Presbytery, I got together the committee on Christian Education and Social Action and sought a way to organize that department and others on a more permanent basis. Our committee has many important fields of interest. We gave the department of Social action honor in recognizing it as one of our major fields, and putting

in under the special care of a member of Presbytery's committee on Christian Education and Social Action, Mr. Olschewske. But, besides, we wanted to conserve your good work, your initiative and interest, so we made it a committee of two, with you as the other member. I think there was a real appreciation on the part of the Presbytery for the initiative you took in a number of good things, and a desire that we might still profit by your enthusiasm. There is also, perhaps, a hope that there might be more of a deliberative approach, so that when you sponsor any good cause it might be after a discussion in the committee on its merits, with a study of whether there is a stand that we can all take, and how important it is to take the stand at the time. I hope that there may be more progress, also, in getting working units in the several churches, in which laymen will take the lead, to gather the points of view of our church people on matters in the field of social action. I confess I don't know how this may best be brought about. Perhaps Mr. Olschewske and you can make some progress during the next year of your service to the Presbytery. Meanwhile, if you can get Presbytery into action about any current issues that we can agree on, it will be more good work done. However the committee wants to arrange about getting such matters to our attention will, of course, be satisfactory to us. Mr. Olschewske and you may want to divide responsibilities in some, or you may want to send out joint letters. I know that you will find him a good man to work with; and the fact that he took the initiative in presenting the matter of the bills concerning liquor near camps, shows that you and he have the same point of view. I trust that you may serve the Presbytery well through the year.

I hope that this belated letter of explanation has somewhat made up for my delay in notifying you of our present organization of committee work. Thank you for your interest. You have done some good work, and I hope there will be more in the year ahead.

Yours faithfully,

*Signed George W. Walker*

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Corfu, New York  
April 30, 1941

Reverend George W. Walker  
Perry, New York

Dear Mr. Walker:

I was about to address a letter to the member churches of the Genesee Presbytery asking for a flood of letters to our congressmen in support of Senate bill 860 and House bill number 4000 to prohibit the sale of liquors in or near military and navy establishments. But through the Daily News I learned that the committee on Social Education and Action had been revised and that my name followed that of Mr. Olschewski. I suppose leadership in such matters devolves upon him or upon you as general chairman. The matter of action now to protect our enlisted men is so great a responsibility that as a member of the committee, I must urge that action be taken in this matter without delay.

As to my demotion from the chairmanship, I feel justified in asking why this was done. Two possible reasons occur to me. First, was my handling of the business unsatisfactory? or, second, is it the policy of Genesee Presbytery to have clergymen only in positions that carry initiative?

Please be perfectly frank with me on these questions. For what concerns me most is the wish to do as well as I am able, my little part in these fateful days.

Sincerely yours,

*James Dudley*

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May 18 1940

To the ministers of Genesee Presbytery

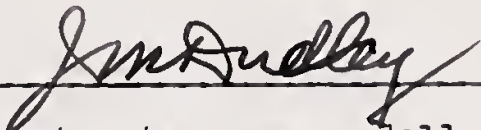
Dear Friends:

When your sub-committee on Religious Education and Social Action was first appointed, we were in some doubt as to what we could do or how to do it. We had a vague sense that the laymen of our churches ought to find some task worthy of their best efforts. Now we see the supreme need of the hour--"I was an <sup>ered</sup> ~~hungred~~ (I was a war victim) and ye gave me meat." There is our <sup>cue</sup> ~~clue~~! This is in line with the call of the Federal Council, as stated in the May Bulletin. With your support and encouragement, we the laymen of Genesee Presbytery, will render a service of which you will not be ashamed. We have the cause and the machinery--now all we need is an open door and your hearty cooperation.

An encouraging start has been made in several churches. How can we pray "give us this day our daily bread," if we fail to share our abundance of bread with our Lord's sufferers with whom He so literally identifies himself?

With deepest gratitude to all who have so far given help, I am,

Yours sincerely

  
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P. S. One local committee has twenty or more dollars to send to headquarters this month. All pledges are on a monthly basis for the rest of 1940. The aim is to reach twenty-five, making a total for the year of two hundred dollars.



Genesee Presbytery

REV. WILLIAM T. EATON, STATED CLERK AND TREASURER  
CORFU, NEW YORK

The vote taken at the Stated meeting of the Presbytery of Genesee at Pike, N.Y. on September 25, 1939.

"Voted:

to have the Council appoint a sub-committee to act jointly with the Christian Education and Social Action Committee to formulate for our churches principles of conduct regarding matters of war and peace."

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At a meeting of the Council held in the Service building of the Presbyterian Church, Batavia, N.Y. March 11, 1940 the following Sub-Committee was appointed to act ~~as~~ in accordance with the vote of Presbytery.

Mr. Joseph M. Dudley, Chairman, Corfu, N.Y.  
Mr. Reuben D. Clark, Warsaw, N.Y.  
Rev. Ernest Riemer, Wyoming, N.Y.  
Mr. W. P. K. White, Batavia, N.Y.  
Mr. Harold E. Wilford, Eiba, N.Y.

The meetings to be held subject to the call of the chairman of the sub-committee, Mr. Joseph M. Dudley.

J. M. DUDLEY  
CORFU, NEW YORK

June 25, 1941

Dear Dr. Spear:-

At a special meeting of Genesee Presbytery on June 22, a Committee was appointed to promote giving to the United Emergency Fund. I was named as a member with one of our ministers as Chairman. I am delighted to serve under this minister's leadership.

But the manner of destroying the Com. of which I was

Chairman and the formation  
of this Com. provide evidence  
that the 'closed shop' idea  
prevails - I protest that the  
Kingdom of God does not  
belong exclusively to the  
clergy + express the hope  
that you and other men of  
influence in our denom-  
ination will sound a  
note of warning against  
this harmful practice -

Sincerely yours  
J. M. Dudley

Dunkel, J. Ambrose Napoleon O,  
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Dr. Robert E. Speer.  
Fairville, Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer.

Only a great man could write such a letter as you have written us. I read it to Mrs Dunkel who was a little brighter this morning.

I change your letter to as not to let her feel we had given up hope. After reading your letter to her she said "that is just like Dr. Speer. He always brings people in trouble & comforts them".

Your letters seemed to bring her a great peace & I am grateful to you. We do not know if it is days, weeks or months. Since February she has suffered. I would that our living Lord would call her home, much as I shall miss her. Her suffering is enough to break ones heart.

This has been a sad year. I lost the church to which we gave our lives & loved. Now she must leave me. I do not know what I would have done in it all had it not been for our Lord. God bless thee & yours

Ever an Admirer  
J Ambrose Dunkel

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MRS. JOHN B. DUNLAP

LOS GATOS, CALIF.

February 7th. '41.

Dear Dr Speer.

I am trying to clear my desk of the accumulation of years and so often finding it hard to throw out much that belongs to the past life- especially the years in Thailand (Bangkok).

I made a beginning in looking back when I sent a letter back to the Church which sent me out to Siam in 1888. First Church, Germantown. I think I was taken by that Church because I went from the Same Church Seville, Ohio, which was the home of Miss Mattie Noyes so long in Canton, China. It was good to look back and pay tribute to those who encouraged and helped me in my early years in Bangkok. In writing back I found myself indulging in my experiences of many years past- a fault I'm sure of older folk. This may help to explain why I venture to send on to you some pages written years ago- prepared, I think, to read when it came my turn to lead the small gathering which we always had- in our home- every Wednesday P.M. We all took turns leading this Meeting. What I enclose seems to be a copy which I prepared for one of these days together. Instead of consigning it just now to the Basket here, I venture to enclose it to you- sorry it is somewhat faded and worn with the years.

I have joy in keeping in touch with some retired like myself but see few because I am not on the main route from Los A. to San F and do not get far from home.

I am enclosing Miss Cole's last letter written on her Birthday- 86- I believe and still most wonderful. No one can come from Siam with out seeing her still a friend to all and an encouragement to many of us. I let Mrs. Wachter see this letter and now am glad you can see how Miss Cole is still carrying on.

Very Sincerely  
John B. Dunlap

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Our young friends interested us two weeks ago in telling us something of their experience at the Conference in N.Y. We realise that having seen and known the Members of the Board and particularly Dr. Brown, it will be a help to them here and a bit easier for them just a year hence when they are called on to send back to their Sec- Dr. Brown- their first Annual Report.

Today I want to go back and bring to mind the help and encouragement we here have had from visits of Members of the Board. I believe it is a privilege even if a weakness of "old folks" to indulge in reminiscences.

Here in Siam we have had reason to appreciate that we have been, at least till very recently, quite off the Beaten Track for Travellers and so we have often been passed by but we have had some visits and perhaps they have been all the more appreciated because they have been so few.

I suppose the very first visit from a member of our Board was made in Jan. '90 by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Mitchell. Dr. M was then our Sec. I was too new myself then to appreciate or recall just what conferences were held with him. Two experiences come out vividly in connection with that visit. I remember Dr. M's asking if he could not have Rain-water for his bath, instead of the river water. As we all lived on the river at that time -there was no scarcity of water if such as it was. At time of this visit the rainwater which had been stored away in the porous jars was probably getting low and was guarded as very precious- to furnish our drinking water till the rainy season should open. Well, the Dr. was told that even the soup was made from the river water.

My most personal recollection dates from the day it was my privilege to entertain Dr. and Mrs. M- for they were our very first dinner guests as we had just recently moved to Sumray and begun housekeeping. After the guests had gone I made one heart-breaking discovery for I found that my Boy had made vigorous use of the scouring Brick on my new set of plated knives and forks- sent out from home as a wedding present and used for the first time.

Dr. M was not a strong man physically but very much esteemed for his devotion to all Christian work. He died not many months after reaching home from this tour of the Missions.

7 years afterwards or about 30 years ago Dr. Speer visited some of the Missions- intended to come here but to our great disappointment he was hindered because while in India he became very ill- Typhoid and it did not seem wise for him to come this way when recovered as our cool season was past. At that time Mr. Speer was our Sec. but soon Dr. Arthur Brown took this place and has ~~remained~~// continued our Sec. till now.

About 25 years ago Dr. and Mrs. Brown gave us a very good visit. They went to the North- taking the long boat travel visiting all stations then opened except Nan. Ch. Rai and Nakawn Sritamarat newly opened.

On the boat trip to the North they were very much helped by having with them the Rev. Boon Itt as helper and interpreter.

I well remember the very careful preparations made for this trip how we sought and found a trusty Cook who could make Bread which would be in demand on the way. But our American Minister thought he could furnish one better which was accepted. But a short time after this Cook, having rec'd advance wages, was missing and griddle cakes made by Mrs. B had to serve for Bread all the way.

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Dr. Brown has been our Sec. all these years and I am sure th t we have felt, for this visit, in very close and sympathetic touch with h

But after all we did have a visit from Dr. Speer and that was 12 years ago- With him were Dr. B<sup>o</sup>vard and Mrs. B and Mr. Dwight Day so long the B<sup>o</sup>ard's Treas.. Dr. B was the B<sup>o</sup>ard's Medical Examiner. Neither of the two accompanying are now connected with the Board. On our last furlo, while at Clifton Springs where Dr. B was the Supt. we were invited to see Dr. B in his sick room where he had lain many months and he passed away soon afterwards.

I recall the day these friends were together with us in our home. As I wanted thm to se or know something of Siam's choicest fruit, I h I had asked the Cook to open one out in the kitchen and bring in. But as soon as Dr. S caught sight of the Cook with this fruit he star ed to the kitchen saying he wanted to see it opebed- tho we warned hi him that it would be safer for him to taste it without so much pre- viou investigation. BUt he persisted and put his nose to the little s square opening and then s<sup>u</sup>the cook prepare it to bring in. He said after tasting- "this fruit has been greatly maligned" . Mr. Day was quite satisfied with one seed and Dr. and Mrs. B excused themselves- withdrawing to a little distance.

*McAfee  
Mrs Roy's  
Miss Ellen Parson 20-*

I have been reading Dr Speer's last Book- *Little less than 2 yrs ago Dr & Mrs C. McAfee* said to be his best- "The unfinished Task of Foreign Missions" and I have no doubt others he here have read it. We find this Book to be made up largely of quo- tations from Reports and notes mostly his own made in connection with the various trips or visits he has made to the Foreign Field during t the last 30 years. What he says of Siam is limited largely to what he learned on his visit here 12 yeras go. Altogether it is a very in- teresting ~~and~~ presentation of the work on the Mission Field. He, naturally has not tried in this Book to cover all the field- Africa and Eastern Asia having no attention, but Persia , India and South American have large place.

One cannot read this book without realising that we belong to a very large and goodly company made up of those who carry on in so many fields. Also reading the book should help us to have a broader vision and if right here the work seems to show smaller results than some other fields- it is after all one field- for the field is the Wo World and our corner here is part of this ~~work~~ field.

Before dwelling on Dr. S's visit to us here, I would try to give some of his impressions of the changes he found in fields visited th the last time. Especially in Persia in which we know him to be very specially interested as he is Sec for Persia as well as for India and S. America. He delights to show advances made since his first visits. In Persia he felt a growing kindly and tolerant feeling towa the Missionaries- such as was so lacking years ago. He sees how Islam or Mohammedanism *is*, as a religious force is as weakening, tho as a political power it shows strenth in Persia as in Turkey and in India. He found the streets in Persia full of Moslems dressed like Eüropeans and even the women dressed in European style tho still not often seen on the street without the veil. There once was a Moham- medan quarter not open to Foreigners- there he found a large Girls' School for Girls from Moslem homes, and many requests for for such s schools in other parts. He says- "The work in every station in Persi is witness to the new Freedom th t has come. Where asycars ago one who undertook work in Persia had to be sheltered from harm by the British Consulate and it was impossible to rent property for Mission use. Altogether not only kind words but real friendships are uniting the



2 Study Book. Sailer's 7th Mountain pass the Julian & Matthews "Young Islam on the  
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Moslem people with those who are taking the Gospel to them. - J. G.

(3) Speaking for India Dr. S says that he sees how Caste is relaxing and religion declining. Brahmans are not entering the priesthood as they did because they do not receive such support as formerly.

He sees how the Educational problem is still a very great one and lack of Sanitation in a country so densely populated is very serious.

In the Temperance Propaganda we can see that there is greater opposition than we have here for in India the influence of the Eng. Govt. is against the prohibition movement.

In S. America - called the "Sick Continent" where the Roman Church has had sway so long Mr. Speer notes a general indifference to Religion and a growing Materialism. Of an attendance of 1,000 students at the Univ. of Beunos Ayres it was shown that only 10% were Catholics, the rest indifferent or antagonistic to religion. Not a single Christian reported in the University with exception of 2 or 3 missionaries studying there - altogether one sees that it is, as in Siam, indifference rather than hostility to religion or rather to Christian teaching - that exists. But he goes on to say that there is beginning there a show of hostility which shows that ~~even~~ there is noticeable an advance in Mission work. The hostility is naturally shown by the Roman Church. In S. America Argentina and Chile are making great advance in Ed. work while Colombia and Bolivia are the most backward.

Going back to the Title of Dr. Speer's Book - "the Unfinished Task" "the aim of the foreign Missionary should be to make himself unnecessary - his work is to plant Christianity wherever he goes and when it is established to pass on to work elsewhere. The Missionaries are not to be the Church but the Founders of it. He believes that the Japanese Church and also the Korean is competent to take the place of leadership in the Cause but these two Churches - so sturdy - are the very ones which declare that the work of For. Missions is not done in these lands. There is a great population which the Churches, unassisted cannot reach. Then there are problems in Education and in application of Christianity to the Social life in which they need help. One Japanese has said "Japan has begun to drift. Japan as a converted nation would become the vanguard of the Mission forces in all Asia.

In reading Dr. Speer's account of his visit here to Siam - one sees that he had but one thing in view in coming here - not sight seeing - but he came to make a study of Buddhism as he could see it here. He begins a chapter with this question. "If a Buddhist interested in studying the religions of the world were to go to America with the desire to learn what Christianity is, how would he proceed? We would certainly urge him first to read the N. T. He would do this if he had not already done so, but he would very likely say that he would like best to just wander about among the common people & study their daily life with its moral precepts and religious observances. Dr. Speer says we might have some misgivings in advising him to take this course for we know that we would not like to have American Christianity judged by the lives of many people who may be Christian only in name or by those who make no profession at all. But we see that Dr. S. tried to study Buddhism in just this way here in Siam. We know that he made it his business to see the people in their homes, how he visited the priests in the temples asking them particularly about their belief. We remember how cordially he was received by the Supreme Patriarch - the Prince Priest who entertained Dr. S.

with a few of the missionaries. The Prince told him how years before Dr. Fox of the Am. Bible Soc. had given him a copy of the N.T. and he had read it. Among other things, the Preist said he could not accept the Bible teaching regarding a Personal God - tho he saw much similarity between Budhism and Xianity, but in Bud. there is no God at all. The Prince was cordial and interested and to the senior Miss. he said " I hope that you will stay in our country and not go away."

Dr. S in recalling this visit says- "The Missionary will stay and Missions will stay . They have a word for Siam which Buddhism can never speak- the word of the Living God. And perhaps we are able to see how in a sense Budhism is a preparation for this word- For in contrast to the Preists statement- No God- Mr. S saw the same heresy that we are here able to see in Budhism- for we know there is a disposition of the Siamese to believe in God- to think of a great Creator and Ruler of all things. The Siamese are either deifying Buddha or else looking forward to some one to come who shall satisfy their hearts' longing.

How, asks Dr. Speer, are we to comment Christ to the Buddhists in Siam?" He answers for us, first by an illus. and then by a record of a Clinic. His illus. is taken from what he saw and heard of the teaching not here in B but down in our youngest station- Trang.

Illus- The Sower went forth to sow- this sower was the senior Miss.. He did not go alone but with him were a dozen of his Siamese friends that they might help him when he became weary. The field was the market place there in Trang where the good seed was sown. The Sower found that day that there were some who felt their need and so into good soil the seed fell.

Later there was the Clinic or a study of the Power of Christianity and of Buddhism to meet human need.. The men with whom he studied were those who had been brought up Buddhists and no having studied Xianity they were able to make comparisons- to answer fairly well the questions asked. Each man was able to give from his own experience some reason why Xianity had given him a satisfaction which he had not found in Buddhism. I dare say it was not alone what these men said for they were simple and unlearned, but Dr. S must have been impressed by their faces which bore witness to the light they had rec'd.

Mr. S tells how after a long time the Conference was ended by a visit from a woman who had come a long way to bring a present of mangoes to the visitor from a far country. She was the daughter of the man who 50 yrs. before had groped his way from Buddhism to God through looking at the wonder of the human hand which God had made.

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To us who know how inadequately these two younger stations have been manned- so unequal to the opportunities there, this testimony of Dr. Speer should be encouraging and stimulating- especially to those younger who must soon be taking the places of others- of the two Senior Miss. whom Dr. S knew there and who have now been promoted to the Higher Service. Just now we know that in one of these stations there is but one man with his wife to care for all dept's of the work. In the other there are but three workers. And these are the stations that some have thought must be closed.

But it has been some years since Dr. S saw Siam and if he should come now we think he would see growth- certainly he would see what we ourselves can see- the Siamese themselves having a much larger

(5) 5 share in the work than could be seen a very few years ago.

To us here in B. there is illus. of growth in the way the young Christians are carrying on. in so many different ways. It is not long since the Conference of Xian workers was arranged for and conducted chiefly by missionaries who pressed into service the few Siamese Christians who were ready and willing to have a part. How diff. it is now we all know. The Program is made out by a large Com. made up of Siamese almost entirely. At the Annual Conf in Sept but one name of a Miss. appeared on the program and in the previous conference there was not a Miss. on the program. All was conducted just as we would have it. How good it was to see the long line of elders ready to assist in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper! For delegates had come from out stations. It helps one to think we are getting ready for a National Church in Siam. Presbytery- illus.

Then there is the Temperance Union of Siam incorporated under the Siamese Govt. A large company of Siamese young men and women very enthusiastic and interested in this Temperance work.

The King's Daughters too has already helped the young women so that they are now carrying on their meetings showing a real interest in taking their part and making use of their opportunities to help those those about them.

Here in Siam we must appreciate the peaceful conditions under which we may continue working for the Siamese people- the more since we know the hindrances in the way of those who give themselves to the Chinese.

But while Mr. Speer comes to Siam to study Buddhism and to other parts to study // know what Mohammedanism is doing for the people, we are reading in our Church papers reports given by Orientals who have studied in America and have gone back to tell what Xianity is doing or rather what it does not do for America. One Oriental closes his report with this sentence- "To tell you the Truth one is tempted to ask if these people are really Christians."

So/let us/not/. The coming Month we will be very conscious of the fact that prayers are being offered for us here by the Church at home, but should we not in turn pray earnestly and always for the Christian Church in America that she may interpret Christianity aright by living the Christ Life.

Eastwood, Walter H.

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Allentown, Pennsylvania

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October 20, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
C/o Board of Foreign Missions  
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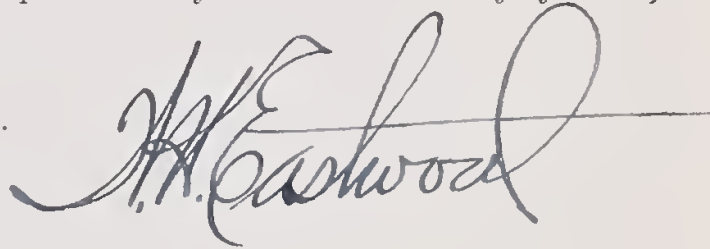
Dear Dr. Speer:

Realizing the heavy schedule which was yours at our Lehigh Seminar these past two days, I did not want to burden you with any of my personal remarks, for I realized that you needed every spare minute for rest. However, I do want to write this note of deep appreciation for the messages filled with inspiration and edification for us all. I came away from the retreat very much uplifted, inspired, and also humble, so again I say, "Thank you" for what you have given us.

Praying for God's continued blessing upon you and your work, I am

Respectfully and sincerely yours,

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*Edmonds, Henry M.*

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HENRY M. EDMONDS  
MINISTER

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

December 18, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Rockledge,  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Let me thank you for your kind letter of sympathy. You speak out of full experience. It is no theory with you and Mrs. Speer. And I think you are right when you say that we have not lost them.

Yours warmly,

*Henry M. Edmonds*

Eklund, Helen M.

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# COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN LATIN AMERICA

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June 19th, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Lakeville,  
Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Perhaps you have thought me ungrateful for that nice letter you wrote me on the occasion of completing twenty-five years in the Committee's service. I did appreciate it greatly even though I have failed to thank you for it. There is seldom opportunity to write a thoughtful letter such as I wished to send you, expressing my gratitude for the many inspiring associations I have enjoyed in this work and particularly the experience of working for so many years under leadership such as yours and Mr. Inman's. I count myself fortunate to have had the opportunity of observing you at such close range.

These last two or three years we have had difficulty financing the Committee's work. Now the situation seems much better and with the great public interest in Latin America opportunities should be better for making new friends. Many of our old friends, however, have passed on, among the most generous of whom was Mr. James. Since his death we have not approached the James Estate for lack of information as to the most effective way to do it. I wrote Mrs. Cushman about it recently and she replies as follows:

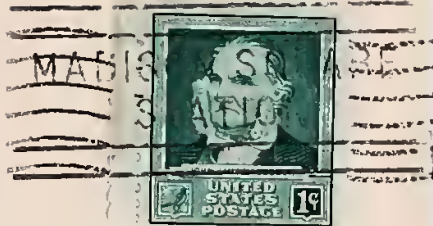
"I am wondering if the Committee might not get a better result from the James Estate if Dr. Speer, himself, wrote, not to Mr. Carman, but to Governor Whitman, who belongs to the same church, First Presbyterian, here in New York, and was Mr. James' life-long Amherst friend and former lawyer. He is old and not well, but I believe if a letter were carefully worded, so that Mr. Carman's feelings were not hurt, (if Mr. Carman were included in this), but sent to Governor Whitman, you might get results."

How do you feel these days about participating in matters of this kind? The Committee vitally needs some strong financial

Head 2 Chron. 20:1ff  
" Isaiah 30:10; 31:1.  
In His (JESUS) Name!  
Ever the same!



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Dr. Robert E. Speer  
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618 West 27th Cedar Falls, Ia 5/16/42

Dear Dr. Speer:-

*Eitzman, Rev.*

*Wro* I have often listened as you spoke and  
thot of the patriarks of old. I love Isaiah in partic-  
ular. He must have been misunderstood in his day.

We have been set aside for a brief space by God's  
will and we have become better acquainted with the  
Father. Tribulations cannot compare to the love He has  
for us. We have just read John G. Paton, and we were  
moved by his discipleship for the Master. Man-eating  
and wife-killing savages are transformed via the old  
fashioned Gospel of the scot Kirk. The name JESUS is  
held in bold relief thru his experience with the Fren-  
ch convicts. I am sure you must have heard the fine  
man. No better book, edition for youth with illustra-  
tions, Hodder and Stoughton, for the times. May God  
bless you. We are reading Spurgeon at present, thrill.

Eccl. 9:10 a favorite of mine.

*Rev. Eitzman*

*ING, TO SAY THE LEAST*



2..Dr. Speer

support. I feel sure you follow the Latin American situation with interest and realize some of the new trends we must face. We are beginning to meet the results of the Catholic effort to identify Catholicism as the single unifying religious and cultural force in the program of Pan-Americanism. With the building up of the tremendous staff of the Nelson Rockefeller committee and Col. Donovan's office many persons have come to occupy places of importance in a short time without having had opportunity to learn enough history to withstand this propaganda. The Evangelical missionary enterprise is naturally coming under some public scrutiny; this, of course, should be welcome if the eyes that scrutinize are not too prejudiced against it.

You know too, I am sure, of the increasing restrictions on the entrance of missionaries in most of the Latin American countries. This has had at least one good result in forcing us to meet more adequately the need for Christian literature. You will see by the enclosed that we are pushing this forward, with some results, and we hope to make this one of the main features of the Committee's program. *La Nueva Democracia* still holds its place, though the financial struggle to keep it going has been pretty stiff at times. It is undoubtedly one of the most valuable media the evangelical movement has to present its viewpoint to the Latin American public. Mr. Rembao has come to occupy a place of considerable prestige among Latin American literati and even among evangelical groups formerly critical of the magazine's policy.

I feel quite sure you will like Dr. Rycroft's "On This Foundation", a copy of which is being sent to you.

Perhaps, if you do not feel that you should undertake to make the approach to the James Estate in our behalf, you will advise us how best to go about it. In any case, we are glad to have this occasion to remind you that this organization which prospered and was so effective under your own great leadership is still fighting the good fight.

Sincerely,

*Allen W. Erland*

Elliott, Roth

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September 9

Jean D. Speer,

Just a note to  
say or sing the  
customary greetings.  
How nice it would  
be if you could  
attend Council

good start - with Charlie  
Heber flying to Manila,  
the receipts <sup>8</sup> 33000  
ahead of last year at  
this time, and special  
meetings next week.  
We missed Dodd but  
are thankful that he  
is getting along.

With best wishes to  
you and Mrs. Spear,

Sincerely yours,  
Fuller Elliott

meeting and  
give us the privilege  
of joining in  
of a lusty cheer  
led off by Rex!

(I see that sentence  
originally sounded  
as if you would do  
the cheering).

Things are  
getting off to a

*Elliott, P.P. x Leber, Charles*

Spiritual Emphasis Deputation,  
Ludhiana, Punjab, India,  
November 25, 1941

Dear Friends:

We wrote you about a month ago from Calcutta. You will recall we had just arrived in India after our visits to the Philippines and Thailand on this "spiritual fellowship" mission. Now that we are approximately half way through the India journey, let us share with you again. Of course, you will realize that India is at war. This means that there are considerable limitations upon our writing. You will understand, therefore, why certain pertinent matters are not discussed.

Whenever you come to India (please do not say that this is out of the question, for neither one of us ever expected to be here either) do plan to go to Darjeeling. The side trip to this marvellous retreat, north of Calcutta, in the midst of the Himalayas was the one week-end holiday we have had so far along the way. We were well repaid for the effort we made to get there. The majestic beauty of Kanchanjunga always before you, the mystic wonder of Everest as seen from Tiger Hill after a very steep climb at dawn, the alluring grandeur of mountains upon mountains drawing one's vision into the mystery of Tibet beyond - here you feel the agelessness of India and the underlying solidity of its people. It is good to enter India through the heights of Darjeeling, for remembrance of these high places gives perspective and balance when one becomes immersed in the noise and confusion of crowded Indian cities and the dust and heat of countless Indian villages.

Spectacular aspects of the war have given the headlines to Europe, East Asia and the Near East. Yet, to some scholars and statesmen the future of civilization depends upon the future of India. Will she break away into a mass movement of radicalism? Will she add to the discordant confusion of vying nationalisms? Will her vast and latent power be given a stronger place and a greater recognition in some emerging commonwealth of nations? Whatever India may demonstrate will be of tremendous influence upon the future of the East and thus upon the life of the world.

Therefore, may we refresh your minds with a few facts about India. India's known history begins about 4,000 years ago. But long before that time there had been a great civilization here. The ancient civilization of Egypt exists only for archaeologists; that of Sumeria must be uncovered by excavators. But the civilization of India, in its origins probably as ancient as either, still exists in full flower before our eyes. The glories of the past stand side by side with the wonders of modern science and engineering. The British government rules directly two thirds of India, the remainder being divided into some six hundred Indian States, each one with its own separate ruler. The latest census gives to India 388,000,000 inhabitants, one-fifth of the entire population of the world in an area the size of Europe without Russia. There are 222 different languages of which 20 are spoken by over a million people and 12 of them by over seven millions each. Ninety-five percent of the population is purely rural. Remember the old illustrative comment that if Jesus were to have visited a village each day from the days of His earthly ministry until now, He would not yet have been to all the Indian villages. As to religion, roughly speaking, out of every hundred persons in India, sixty-eight are Hindus, twenty-two are Muslims, three are Buddhists, three follow more or less some primitive tribal religion, one is a Christian, and one is a Sikh. Of the two others, one may be either a Buddhist or a Christian, while the last may probably be a Jain or a Parsi. To catch a glimpse of any true picture of India, one has to see across the face of it two terrible words: caste and outcaste. Here the elements of life are contrasts in the extreme: cold and

heat, mountains and plains; poverty and riches; pathetic ignorance and striking intelligence; terrible tragedy and unutterable beauty.

In the midst of this complex and turbulent arena of life the Christian movement presses on. Today the Christian Church is well organized and is in the hands of strong Indian leadership in the larger positions. It is trying hard to supply stronger leaders for the many small urban and rural congregations. Slowly but persistently the church is overcoming the heritage of western imperialism and denominationalism. There is hope for the rise of a great Church of Christ in India.

Christian missionaries continue to carry on creatively and courageously in their ministry of preaching, teaching and healing. On all sides both Indians and foreigners urge the sending of more of them. An Indian Christian leader told us that in a discussion with a group of Indian intellectuals as to India's need for Christ, a non-Christian, who had lived for years in close contact with nominal Christianity, said that Christ was dead and that there was no power or hope in Him for India. The Living Christ in the increasing mission of His Church must be the answer to that. The Church of India is courageously committed to this mission, but one Indian Christian among 99 non-Christians, with all of the pressure that is put upon the Christian by this latter group, needs help. He should have the missionary not only for reinforcement, he needs him also as a testimony to the universal reality of the Kingdom of the Living God. Even so we need Indian Christians in America; and may God grant an early peace so that more of them may soon come to us.

As to the attitude of Indian leaders toward more missionaries, at a lawn party held at Forman Christian College a few days ago, one of the Indian professors turned to us and said, "Look at the American missionary members of our faculty. They are all about the same age. What will we do when they come to retirement if your Board does not soon send out some new men?" It is significant to note that the Board of Directors of Forman Christian College, supported by the College faculty, both groups predominately Indian, have just chosen as president-elect of the College, the missionary leader, Dr. Herbert Rice of Holland Hall, Allahabad, to succeed the present Indian president, Dr. Datta, soon to retire.

At Nagpur, the geographical center of India, we conferred with the leaders of the National Christian Council. Many of you will remember Dr. Manikam who represented India on the Post-Madras team in America. You may have met also Dr. Whitaker, the British missionary, on his recent visit to the United States. And most of you will know Miss Ruth Ure, our Presbyterian missionary. These three are the Secretaries of the N.C.C. They are giving statesmanlike leadership to effective and far reaching efforts in Christian cooperation and union. In this time of war the Government has turned to the N.C.C. as being the spokesman for the Protestant Churches of India. It should be noted that Miss Ure has recently been assigned by our Board of Foreign Missions to work with the N.C.C., as the Board was impressed by the call which came to Miss Ure to major particularly in literacy work, brought recently into a new emphasis by the visit to India of the world authority on literacy, Dr. Frank Laubach. If you want a splendid survey of the literacy movement in India with particular reference to its Christian implications, read Dr. Laubach's book, "India Shall Be Literate." Ninety-two percent of India is illiterate.

Passing through Bombay, we were soon in the first of the three mission areas in India to which we were commissioned to go for the "spiritual fellowships". (Territory south of Bombay being our Western India Mission; in and around Lahore being the Punjab Mission; in and nearby Allahabad being the North India Mission). The Western India Mission was holding its annual meeting about fifteen miles outside of Kolhapur, at a hill-station called Panhala. Dr. Speer once said that the view

from the ridge of Panhala is one of the most unusual and entrancing panoramas in the world. Panhala is an old fort. From its bulwarks one can see for miles and miles over the fertile plains of the Deccan, with the smoke of scores of little villages rising to tell of its life and need. Here for almost a week we lived in intimate fellowship with missionaries and Indian church leaders. In two days we had 44 personal interviews. For four days we joined in worship, meditation and prayer, building deeply in "spiritual fellowship". Then we set out to see for ourselves the work of the Western India Mission, spending interesting and stimulating hours in Kolhapur, Kodoli, Miraj, Sangli, Nipani and Vengurla. To every missionary-minded Presbyterian these names carry a vivid story of missionary service. We were confronted with many searching problems. We were inspired by heartening achievements. We came away with the challenge of the unfinished task stirring in our souls. The Indian Church has been given great responsibility in this field. "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." The task is so large. The church is so small. We sought for the greatest need which the Western India Mission has; and we found that it was this; more missionaries!

Let us take out of all that might be written in elaboration of the above, just one point. Consider the renowned Miraj Medical Center, made great in its healing ministry by Sir William Wanles, Dr. Charles Vail and Dr. R. H. Goheen, the latter being the present Director. Indian medical work is being forced through a trying and testing transitional period by nationalistic pressure, bringing about new and more strict legislation. Miraj has found it necessary to re-evaluate its ministry. This it is doing in a courageous and determined spirit. Out of this experience there is rising a vision of a new Miraj Medical Center meeting the new day. Here will be a great Christian institution of healing and teaching as the Mayo Clinic is in America, with the added influence of Christian evangelism, - if American Christians will stand by in the present and the future as generously as they have done in the past. The service of Miraj has been nation-wide. The Christian witness of Miraj in the days to come can be world-wide, if Presbyterians in America will strengthen its arms of Christlike compassion and Christ-minded service. You will be hearing much more of Miraj very soon. We do hope you will take a share in its great ministry.

During the past few days we have been in the Punjab where we are soon to conduct the "spiritual fellowship" of the mission here. On this northern frontier where it is cool and stimulating, one is impressed by evidences of refreshing vitality, especially in the Christian movement. One of us (C.T.L.) was here five years ago. The progress made over the five years is amazing. Take for example the situation in Lahore. Five years ago Forman Christian College and Kinnaird College were in limited surroundings with meagre equipment in downtown Lahore, wondering as to what was ahead. Now both institutions have fine new buildings and larger student bodies, and they are situated on new sites on the growing edge of the city, with every promise for an advancing Christian educational program. One finds down within the old Lahore city (where there are twelve hundred mosques in its limited, walled in, congested area) the Rang Mahal Boys School and the Forman Girls School, both mission institutions which have increased in enrollment and improved in equipment to a marked degree. The historic church on the mission compound has now a large, splendid, new edifice, with plans for erecting a Christian Community Service Building. Not far away from Lahore, soon there will be the new Abundant Life School, a project in Christian education and living which has been organized by the mission and which should become as great a demonstration of the Christian mission as may be found anywhere in the world.

We are glad to be able to report to you again that in spite of world war and world fear, the world Christian mission carries on. Quietly, persistently and with enduring certainty, the Christian Gospel is permeating the texture of Indian life. In some places there is opposition. In others there have been failures. Everywhere there are problems. But all over this land, if one looks at life in the light of Christian truth, encouraging opportunities are clear and convincing. The Christian community, as we have found it, in both the city and the village, a minority though it be, is a strong, vital and growing fellowship and a hopeful and impressive influence in the life of India.

In the course of our recent travel, we stopped at Sewagram and there had a visit with Mahatma Gandhi. In Bombay we spent an hour with the famous and brilliant leader of the depressed classes, Doctor Ambedkar. As we talked with these leaders, we knew we were in the presence of personalities of unusual power. They reveal most cogently the possibilities in the people of India. India is a land of great power. The power in its unreleased personalities. Think what it will mean when Christ releases that power. "To as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God." There is no greater strategy in the world advance of the Christian movement than keeping Christ before the mind and heart of India. Even now the common people hear Him gladly. Some day the right leader of the masses will receive Him. Then - what power!

Sincerely and faithfully,

PHILLIPS P. ELLIOTT

CHARLES T. LEBER

Note: This communication has been delayed because the original was lost in transit due to war conditions and no copy was available until the return of Dr. Elliott and Dr. Leber on January 27th.



Ellis, Calvert N.

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**Juniata College**  
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October 25, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
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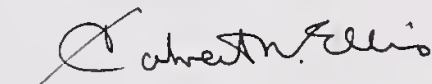
Dear Dr. Speer:

I cannot tell you how much we appreciated your coming to Huntingdon for the exercises last Saturday. Personally, I am deeply grateful for your kindness in making this trip and for the masterful address which you delivered. Numerous persons commented upon the fact that they had never heard you when they were inspired more. I was particularly happy in the occasion because of the influence which you have had upon my life since the time that I first heard you in Princeton, now twenty years ago.

The enclosed honorarium is but a very small appreciation of your kindness, but it carries with it the gratitude of Juniata College and a large number of your friends. We pray that you may enjoy many years of health and happiness. We know that you have been used of the Lord mightily in His service.

With very kind regards and best wishes always,  
I am

Sincerely yours,



Calvert N. Ellis, President

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October 25, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut


Dear Dr. Speer:

I am sorry I was unable to see you before you left to express to you again my sincere appreciation of the address with which you favored us on Saturday. Personally, I appreciated very much not only its strength and clarity but the fact that in such clear and simple outline it charted for our young people as well as for the rest of us such a straight course through the confusion and perplexities of our day. I hope very much that it may be published so that a larger constituency may receive the benefit of it.

I think it was the universal consensus of opinion that no one other than yourself could have brought to the occasion on Saturday the same uplift and inspiration as came not only from your clear understanding of the problems of Christian education but your fine sensitiveness to the significance of Juniata's place in this picture.

With sincere appreciation again and with every kind regard from Mrs. Ellis and myself, I am

Most cordially yours,

  
Charles C. Ellis,  
President Emeritus

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English, James H.

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## Connecticut Conference of Congregational and Christian Churches

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HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

TELEPHONE 2-1033

November 14, 1940

Dear Dr. Speer:

This is to acknowledge your letter of November 8th, together with the enclosures regarding Dr. Hugh William Jones. Dr. Jones sounds like a delightful man and I wish that we might do something for him. The only field I can think of is that at Bridgewater, from which Mr. Bigelow has just resigned to retire from the ministry. However, I am suggesting that the Bridgewater and Roxbury churches, which are adjacent, join forces under the leadership of a strong man. You know how these independent Connecticut churches are and it is very likely that they will not carry out the suggestion. Perhaps you could drop a note to the clerk of the Bridgewater Church - Mr. Henry C. Sanford - telling them about Dr. Jones. That is the only suggestion I can make at the present time. I am sure it would be a privilege to have a man of his caliber in our midst.

I still hear echoes and expressions of appreciation regarding your address at the General Association. I am profoundly grateful to you for what you said, not only because I agree with your message but for the forthright way in which you stated it. It was a good corrective for some of the things that have been said on the other side of the question.

Cordially yours,

James F. English

Rev. Robert E. Speer, D.D.  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut



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Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Conn.

*6217*  
Mt. Hermon, Mass., Mar. 12, 1941  
*Erickson, Harry A.*

Dear Dr. Speer:

A few months ago in Sunday Chapel Dr. Porter made a statement to the effect that he had never heard a sermon in chapel on "Hope", and that he would like to hear one. In that talk he himself referred to you as having said something about expecting and hoping and being ready for whatever comes.

Excuse me for making this suggestion, but, in case you have been wondering about a topic, this is an idea.

Sincerely yours,  
Harry A. Erickson  
Teacher of English

Espy, R.H. Edwin

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August 28, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

Dr. Zwemer has already informed you of our deep hope that you might be able to spend the afternoon and evening, or at least one of these periods on Thursday, October 1, with the staff of the Student Volunteer Movement. Our group is small but steadily growing. We would probably have eight or ten people in intimate conversation with you on that day. Some of the people who are out on the field would not be available, but we are extremely eager to have as many as possible of our staff come to know you and share your deep experience.

We would be inclined to suggest that you use these hours in whatever way you think most valuable. You will be aware that the student setting is considerably different from that of an earlier day, but the Student Volunteer Movement is seeking to fix its vision on the central and eternal things which are just as valued today as they ever were. It would be our hope that you might share in an intimate way out of your life time of experience your deepest observations concerning the Christian life and particularly the perils and opportunities of those leaders who are seeking to touch the lives of students. This basic spiritual emphasis would, of course, be linked to your own concern and that of the Student Volunteer Movement for the world expansion of the Christian faith.

We hope that you might feel able to join us for both the afternoon and evening, but if this should be difficult, we should appreciate your suggestion as to which period you would prefer. We can arrange our plans in this regard according to your convenience. It would help very greatly if you could indicate fairly soon how long we might count on having you. Should you have any questions concerning either the general work of the Movement at the present time or concerning the use we would like to make of this session with yourself, please feel free to let me know.

We look forward with real appreciation and eagerness to this opportunity.

Yours very faithfully,

*R. H. Edwin Espy*

R. H. Edwin Espy  
General Secretary

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THE OFFICE OF YENCHING UNIVERSITY

150 Fifth Avenue

New York, N. Y.

December 22, 1941

To the Trustees of Yenching University

Dear Friends:

After telephoning to a number of our trustees this morning, I find that relatively few saw the Associated Press news dispatch from Chungking on December 20th which appeared in the SUN on Saturday and in three Sunday papers. It reads as follows:

"Word was received today that the American-endowed Yenching University in Peiping, in Japanese-occupied China, was forced to close soon after the outbreak of war between the United States and Japan and that its president, John Leighton Stuart is reported under 'honorable confinement'".

This is nothing more than we had surmised from dispatches received from Shanghai indicating conditions there. Also it has been reported that the China Inland Mission received a cable from Shanghai saying: OCCUPIED CENTERS NORMAL. RECEIVING CONSIDERATE TREATMENT. This is understood to mean that the American people in North China are being treated with circumspection.

As other news becomes available it will be forwarded to the friends of Yenching at once.

Very truly yours,



C. A. Evans  
Assistant Secretary

CAE:FG

Evans, Dan

Jul. 31, 1943

734 WOODLAND TERRACE  
SHARON HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

WJ  
my dear Dr. Speer: - Thank you so much for your very kind letter. I am sorry that I intruded on what I feared and what proved to be a most busy summer. I have therefore laid aside any thought of seeing you personally in this matter - great as that pleasure would be - for in carrying out any plans of seeing each other would lead to more or less confusion and uncertainty in these days of limited transportation arrangements. I'm therefore writing you on the matter I indicated.

Mrs Barnock - "Steady" to us - left Mrs John's the beginning of May to seek a position. She came here direct and except for about two weeks has been ever since. Mrs Evans and I have been studying her situation most thoroughly and most sympathetically and we both felt that, while she might be able to fill a secretarial job for a while, it would be more or less a temporary adjustment and that the only real position she could fill for quite some time to come would be that of companion-housekeeper (with not too much of the latter ingredient).

Knowing that her father was a master mason and secretary of his lodge Jan <sup>the lodge</sup> in Elizabeth N. J. I was in hopes, through influence I had, of getting her into the N. J. Masonic home at Burlington N. J. while she was still able to do considerable in return for her entry there. However I ran into a hidden snag as I found they had



an unusual rule that marriage of a mason's daughter disqualified her hereafter as an applicant for admission. She cannot get into the Penna Masonic home as she cannot qualify. Entry into an institutional home is - we feel - the very best solution but we now know of none. We are doing our best as she is a pathetic figure. She is an Episcopalian and so I have considered writing to Russell Bowie. She has known him for years + had him to officiate at her wedding. Of course I have known Russell ever since he entered the High School. He was in Joe Cook's class I think, while I was in Ed Cook's Form. I thought you and/or Russell might know of an institution into which she might get in some place where she could obtain a position as a Companion. Steady can cook, sew, embroider, knit, market, manage, act as social secretary +c. Would you mind thinking it over and see if any opportunity or possibility occurs to you. You can rest assured I shall appreciate any suggestion.

Faithfully Yours

Ben Evans

July 31, 1943

Evans, Dan

734 WOODLAND TERRACE  
SHARON HILL, PENNSYLVANIA

My dear Mr. Speer:- Your very kind and thoughtful letter of the sixth inst. has been received, together with its enclosures. I am returning the latter in accord with your request.

You will be glad to know that we have found a position for Steady and by her personal call and conference, she has clinched the appointment. It is as a housemother over a house with 8 young people at a very fine special school in suburban Philadelphia. I know you will join with us in our delight over a much deserved recognition.

Once more let me thank you for your ever-warm hearted friendliness and interest.

Faithfully Yours  
Dan Evans

Aug 14, 1943

Evans, William

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April 28th, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer;  
Rockledge,  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 24th, advising me that you will have your remarks typewritten and forwarded on to me so that same may be inserted in our Year Book.

I am indeed most grateful to you for having honored us with your presence and appreciate you giving of your valuable time in writing these remarks, which will become a permanent part of the records of our Society.

With kindest personal regards to you and Mrs Speer, I am

Most sincerely yours,

*William Evans.*



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Robert E. Spear,  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Conn.

Evans, W. B.  
Moorestown N. J.

21. V. 1941

Dear Friend:-

I acknowledge that  
Melchisedec was "first  
king of righteousness and  
after that king of Salem,  
peace". (Remember  
also that another priest  
arose (Heb. 7:11) after the  
order of Melchisedec, one  
who disannulled the  
commandment going  
before, <sup>speaking,</sup> ~~saying,~~ "But I  
say unto you, love your  
enemies, &c." It was  
his order I tried to follow  
in First Peace, then Justice  
With love, thy bro., W. B. Evans.

Ewing, Joseph L.

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1041 BRYANT STREET  
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December 13 1943

Robert E. Speer,  
New York.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Your messages of last week were a great help to me. I am sure they were a fortress for others. It is distressing to observe how mere things are crowding people away from the Truth as it is in Jesus. I ever wonder what is to be done, to get folk to pause, and conditioned to give the Holy Spirit his appointed opportunity to interpret and apply.

Around a dozen years ago, when I was beginning to turn over some of my books for service above being merely disposed of in the day of final retirement, <sup>I sent</sup> your "Remember Jesus Christ", of II Timothy 2:8, through the good offices of John Somerndike to one Esau Joseph, an Arizona Indian convert, and theologian to use in his itinerant evangelism. The book was one of some fifty, in that one consignment of four or five lots. As a climax to the week, your message yesterday was a great encouragement.

These recent years, I have turned to, what I believe to be, good account, when free to do so, to <sup>a new grasp of</sup> the Shorter Catechism. Was given it in early life, Used it in all my ministry more than some others have done. My personal mastery of it has come since early in '41, when I first began to repeat it from beginning to end almost daily. I gave wings to the little booklet ~~wings and~~ in September and an entire edition has gone, without so much as giving it general publicity. Now I am minded to reprint, The response has been most surprising.

With kindest regards,

It is my impression that I reached your present age, about fourteen months earlier than you !

Joseph Lyons Ewing

Ferrell, Dick  
A. W. S. 5/22/42

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SPOKANE, WASH., Oct. 15 - 1942.

Robert E. Speer  
Board of Foreign Missions  
New York N. Y.

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My Dear Dr. Speer -

No doubt you will be surprised to receive this letter but I have just learned that you are to be in Spokane this coming November. I have often wished that you would come this way that I might see you.

If you are not going to be to long while here Mrs. Ferrell + I would like to have you at our home for dinner or luncheon?

I would love you out to our home and back for you to meet your appointments.

Hoping to hear from you, and with continued good wishes I am yours in His Name

Dick Ferrell

Finley, H. B.

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# BIBLE STUDY

"The Word of God Endureth Forever" - 1st Peter 1-25

IN THE

PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

"Thou Shall Teach It Diligently Unto Thy Children" - Deut. 6-7

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February 27<sup>th</sup>, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer:-  
156 7ifth ave. N.Y.C.

Dear Bob:-

The Devil is certainly on the job, working overtime and Sundays, during these, what seem to be the "latter days". We have a very striking example of it in one of our churches here in Chatta. The Third Presbyterian. - One of the old Cumberland groups. About 13 years ago they called a young Scotchman, brilliant, filled with the Spirit, Evangelistic, lovable, a good mixer, sound in doctrine, by the name of T. B. Cowan. I remember being in an Evangelistic meeting he was holding in Riceville, Tenn. - I have never heard a finer message on the power of the blood, the only way to be saved, &c. He gave the invitation, went down into the audience and did personal work and knelt at the Altar and prayed with those who came forward. - He was a great student and must have taken up with a line of books by liberal authors, for he soon showed a leaning in that direction. It wasn't long before he lost his power, and began to lose some of his best spiritual members. He was dubbed a liberatist and later by some as a rank modernist. He brought reproach upon our denomination. People asked "Why don't you do something about it?" Others said, Oh he belongs to that Northern Church which <sup>has</sup> gone modernistic. - To make a long story short his membership dwindled & he left about a year ago, much to the relief of the whole City. He is now Pastor of a Community Church at Norris, Tenn. T. V. A. town.

Last Oct. they called another man Elsworth M. Smith. (about 35 yr.) Very attractive personality. Well educated, fluent



speaker, fine physique, good speaking voice, and a good mixer and lovable fellow, but lacks the one essential, necessary; not filled with the Spirit. a rank liberalist that preaches the Social Gospel only; as the enclosed bulletins indicate.

Am enclosing a letter written by one of our best women. (Scott) who is indignant that our Church does nothing about it, and is trying to start something herself. -

I write to inquire; what can we do to eliminate such an objectionable man? Is Prayer alone the best thing? or should action of some kind accompany it?

They may have a few Elders that will stand against him, but I rather think that the majority are for him.

If you can outline the procedure one Church requires, or one that you can recommend, it may help us come to a definite decision, and will be much appreciated.

We are most happy in our own Church. Our Young Peoples Work is second to none in proportion to membership. But we are far from being satisfied, but are making progress that will soon show results.

We are looking for an Evangelist for a two weeks Spring meeting. Can you recommend a few? Gypsy? It looked about John R. Williams, same, trying to contact Harry Rimmer.

Trust you and yours are all well and happy  
Sincerely yours in Christ.

Blair  
(H. P. Finley)

*This letter written by a devout Presbyterian of 2<sup>nd</sup> Church.*

Many of the Presbyterians and other Christians in Chattanooga have been much disturbed for a number of years over conditions existing in the third Church here - of which you may have heard.

During the pastorate of Dr. Cowan the more conservative element in the Church found it impossible to accept his views on many matters, as he was definitely what is often called a "Modernist."

Instead of standing together for what they believed to be the real doctrines of the Presbyterian Church many have withdrawn their membership and united with other congregations in both Northern and Southern branches of the Presbyterian Church.

This was probably due to a hesitancy to create discord and stir up trouble.

We hear often times by outsiders that the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. is not fundamental in its standards and has become more and more "liberal".

We know this is not true in many cases, but it is very true in this instance and has done more harm to our denomination among orthodox Christians than can readily be estimated.

From time to time an effort has been made to do something about it, but almost nothing has been accomplished.

Some of us who have protested have been told "any action must come from the session of the Church" - In this case those who might have taken action are now in the minority, so many of the leading members having withdrawn their membership.

Then we have been told the Presbytery might take action, but instead of doing so they elected Dr. Cowan Moderator even after his standing was fairly well known.

Of course it is true that he has not been returned to the Church here after he left it about two years ago, but what of the influence in another Church also under the Presbyterian Board?

What is to be done when the Pastor who has come to accept the work of the Third Church here is recognized as being more of a Modernist than Dr. Cowan - if such a thing can be?

I cannot speak from experience. I know personally little of the teaching of either minister, but it would be very easy to find out from many people that these two ministers are untrue to the acknowledged doctrines of the Presbyterian Church.

It casts reflection on our Church as a whole that it becomes impossible to refute.

These men, no doubt, have a right to preach the gospel as they see it, but not under the name of Presbyterian.

After protesting for years we feel that something should be done.

We know the members of the Third Church do not feel kindly toward those "fundamental" Christians who have expressed any protest and they consider the members of the Second Church (of which I am a member) very narrow .

Much harm has been done, I believe, by intolerant fundamentalists who have taken an unchristian attitude toward those who do not accept their exact beliefs, but this is a matter of flagrant and open Unitarianism.

The leading elder of this congregation who seems to have complete control and has gone into the Church since it became modernist in its teaching, seems to be responsible in large measure for present conditions.

Something should be done.

The session and congregation will do nothing, though a few members so desire - and it seems to be "up to" the Presbytery.

Like everyone else I hesitate very much to write this letter or take any part in this unfortunate situation - however, as a member of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. I feel it my duty to enter a protest to those in authority that something be done and soon.

Flecklos?, Elliott V.

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1117. Hermon School

1117. Hermon Mass.

Aug. 12 1942

Dear Dr. Speer:

My name is under consideration for appointment to Wabash College, Crawfordsville Indiana as teacher of Bible and Religion.

The Wabash College Catalog indicates that the College is of Presbyterian origin.

I have studied at Yale Divinity School and Union Seminary. My Master's thesis was written on the subject of Religion and Education. At the time of my ordination, your son Elliott addressed a letter to S. Parker Cadman, which I herewith enclose.

I should greatly appreciate any letter of recommendation, you might address to Wabash College, in my behalf.

Sincerely

Elliott V. Flecklos

Ford, Harold P.

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n.d.

Dr. Robert Elliott Speer,  
Lakeville, Conn.

Reverend Sir:

There is a way to get the GENUINE help of Men and the UNLIMITED help of God, in this Crisis.

Clearly defined objectives, which are GENUINELY fair, right and Democratic, constitute the first requisite. The second is leadership.

An unparalleled opportunity for service awaits The Church, ALL churches, to furnish leadership toward the proper INSPIRING Goal.

We will greatly appreciate your consideration of the enclosed, --- and your help.

Very Sincerely,

Harold P. Ford

3312 Empire Way,

Seattle, Wn.

# AN APPEAL FOR LEADERSHIP

## *Toward Inspiring Objectives For Democracy*

### IN THIS WORLD CRISIS:

We in U. S. A. **MUST** point out The Goal for World Democracy, and **MUST** furnish Leadership and Help toward that goal.

The **WORKING** of Our Democracy here in U. S. A. is far from perfect. However, the **PRINCIPLES** of Our Democracy constitute the **REAL HOPE** for Mankind.

In order to get the **WHOLE-HEARTED** help of people everywhere, as is necessary, and in order to **TRULY** save and upbuild Democracy, let us now **INSIST UPON** the following **INSPIRING** objectives:

1. Cooperative Democracy for Europe founded upon Principles **SIMILAR** to those of Our U. S. A. Cooperative Democracy for Europe which will insure real benefits for The Millions of People in Europe in the **SAME** way that Democracy lifted the People of U. S. A. to High Standards. Cooperative Democracy that will **FOREVER** end European wars over long-contested boundary lines.

2. A more **HELPFUL**, non-dominating, **NON-EMPIRE** policy for **ALL** nations of Earth, so that Antagonism can go **DOWN**, and Human Progress can go **UP**.

3. The future guidance of World Affairs in a more equitable, **HELPFUL** and happy way, by The Two Great **SISTER** Democracies, The United States of America and The United States of Europe, working powerfully side by side with **SIMILAR** high and **TRULY** Democratic purposes.

4. **PRACTICED** Cooperation between Men (as individuals) far and wide, consisting of personal **ACTS** of **HELPFULNESS** and friendliness toward each other.

After Cooperation between individuals has become a **REALITY** on a wide scale, Cooperation between nations will then become possible.

The more fortunate people and nations of The Earth **MUST** help the less fortunate up The Ladder of Progress **OR ELSE**—be dragged down by them.

### EACH ONE OF US (Young or Old) CAN HELP:

1. **PERSONALLY HELP** to make Cooperation a **REALITY**—Right around us.

2. Send copies of this "Appeal for Leadership" to those Men of Large Influence who **CAN** and **MUST** furnish Us, The People, with this leadership.

3. Send copies of both sheets to any or all of the Highly Influential Leaders suggested below, or to **ANY** Minister or Leader whom you desire to reach. Get others to do likewise. **DO IT NOW.**

### *Influential Church Leaders, Various Churches:*

An **INCOMPLETE** list of Influential Church Leaders of Our Nation (various churches) is given below, arranged alphabetically, with addresses.

Each of these Leaders individually possesses large influence. Because of the urgency of our needs it is proposed that their leadership shall be powerfully coordinated, aiming at specific and **SPIRITED** objectives.

Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, Secretary, Federal Council of Churches in America, 297 4th Ave., New York City, N. Y.

His Excellency, The Most Reverend Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, D. D., 1811 Biltmore St., Washington, D. C.

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Dr. John Haynes Holmes, 10 Park Ave., New York City, N. Y.

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Dr. Burris Atkins Jenkins, 3529 Charlotte St., Kansas City, Mo.

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Dr. E. Stanley Jones, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

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Most Reverend Edward Mooney, D. D., 1234 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, Mich.

Rabbi Julian Morgenstern, President, Hebrew-Union College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, Editor, Christian Century, 440 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

His Eminence, William Cardinal O'Connell, Lake St., Brighton, Mass.

Bishop Edward O'Hara, 416 West 12th St. Kansas City, Mo.

Most Reverend Arthur Aloysius O'Leary, President, Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Harold Cooke Phillips, 2907 Hampshire Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.

Rev. ZeBarney Thorne Phillips, Chaplain U. S. Senate, Washington, D. C.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, President, Christian Herald, 419 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Rt. Rev. Fulton John Sheen, Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

His Excellency, Bernard J. Sheil, 719 N. Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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Dr. Roy L. Smith, Editor, Christian Advocate, 740 Rush St., Chicago, Ill.

Dr. Robert Elliott Speer, Lakeville, Conn.

Dr. Worth Marion Tippy, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

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Dr. Robert Elliott Speer

(Insert name of Leader to whom you appeal)

Eighty-two Technical Engineers in the Design Section of the U. S. Navy Yard at Bremerton, Wash., have signed and sponsored the following appeal for **SPIRITED** Leadership. These sponsors belong to various churches. Their appeal is directed to the Influential Leaders in various churches and to **YOU**. Your careful consideration of their appeal is earnestly requested by **ME**.

Name.....H.P. Ford..... Address.....3312 Empire Way, Seattle.....

TO: Leaders of Churches, **ALL** Churches, Everywhere.

Subject: **AN APPEAL FOR SPIRITED LEADERSHIP TOWARD SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES.**

1. There has never been a time when Spirited Leadership toward specific, basic objectives was more greatly needed than now, when Democracy, Christianity, Law and Human Liberty are subjugated in Europe, and threatened throughout the earth.

2. There is one logical source to look to for this Spirited Leadership. This is in our churches—**ALL** churches. Catastrophe has come because of a lack of **FAIRNESS** in Human Relations. Our goal is Fairness and **THE RIGHT**.

3. In the past we in U. S. A. have successfully fought to unite Our People, and again to keep them united. If, instead of our one great nation, the United States of America, there had existed a number of separate and smaller nations, there would have inevitably resulted warfare and no great progress in America.

4. The **ONE** hope for the people of Europe, for Greater Progress and for an ending of European warfare—enduringly—is to get the various separate nations together, into **ONE** Great Cooperative Federation, The United States of Europe, which will become progressive and secure in the **SAME** way in which Our U. S. A. has attained these ends. This goal is **TRULY** Democratic.

5. The Banner which will lead to Success is the Banner of Fairness. Fairness dictates that we shall strive, (and fight if need be), **NOT** for a single nation, but for **ALL** the peoples of Europe. This objective will win the **SPIRITED** help of both God and Men—men everywhere—here in U. S. A.—and in **ALL** nations of Europe, as is necessary.

6. If the various nations of Europe are to regain Liberty, Security and Higher Standards of Living, they **MUST** be caused to strive together, spiritedly, toward a **COMMON** goal. The way for the people of Europe to get together is to cause them to—**GET TOGETHER**—into **ONE** Great Cooperative Nation, The United States of Europe. This goal is **RIGHT**.

7. A **COMMON** objective is imperative, one which will bring splendid benefits to people far and wide. The objective of getting the people of Europe together into **ONE** Great and **TRULY** Democratic nation will bring to The Millions of People in Europe **BENEFITS** which are equally as great as the **BENEFITS** which We, The People, have enjoyed here in The United States of America.

8. The help of our United States of America is badly needed in this World Crisis—**NOT** just our dollars, our steel, ships, planes, etc., but our Spirited and **WHOLE-HEARTED** help, including our lives if need be. This type of **GENUINE** help is possible in furthering the Spirited Objective of getting The People of Europe together into one Magnificent Nation, The United States of Europe.

9. Christianity as well as Democracy has brought upon itself this grave crisis, because of a deficiency of leadership. Spirited Leadership toward **THE RIGHT** is the only solution. This Leadership **CAN**, and **MUST**, be given.

10. Leadership can come from various sources. The type which is most needed can best come from The Church (**ALL** Churches). The Church is the Earthly Delegate of God—with all of the potential Wisdom, Power and Influence of God. This Latent Power is badly needed, and is available for use in this emergency. Therefore, we earnestly solicit Leadership from this Source.

11. This war will most quickly be ended thru a Spirited Plan to **FOREVER** end wars. The way to forever end wars is the same way by which to forever end Depressions. A Great Leader told us clearly what to do—centuries ago—to help each other—as individuals, and as nations.

12. The Kingdom of God on Earth will come from **COOPERATION**. Cooperation will come from the simple, practical program of causing men to help each other, as individuals, in the various ways in which help is needed (and not simply the indirect giving of money). Later, nations will likewise help each other. This is what a Great Leader clearly taught us. This is the **BASIC** way to forever end both wars and depressions.

13. The way to bring The Kingdom of God into existence on Earth is very simple. The help of many millions of people is needed. This help will be gladly given—by The Millions of Good People in **ALL** lands—when Spirited Leadership has been furnished toward this specific goal.

14. This is our sincere appeal for Spirited Leadership toward the Specific Goal of Cooperation between Men and Nations, which will establish The **KINGDOM** of **GOD** on **EARTH**.

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In order to get the **WHOLE-HEARTED** help of people everywhere, as is necessary, and in order to **TRULY** save and upbuild Democracy, let us now **INSIST UPON** the following **INSPIRING** objectives:

1. Cooperative Democracy for Europe founded upon Principles **SIMILAR** to those of Our U. S. A. Cooperative Democracy for Europe which will insure real benefits for The Millions of People in Europe in the **SAME** way that Democracy lifted the People of U. S. A. to High Standards. Cooperative Democracy that will **FOREVER** end European wars over long-contested boundary lines.

2. A more **HELPFUL**, non-dominating, **NON-EMPIRE** policy for **ALL** nations of Earth, so that Antagonism can go **DOWN**, and Human Progress can go **UP**.

3. The future guidance of World Affairs in a more equitable, **HELPFUL** and happy way, by The Two Great **SISTER** Democracies, The United States of America and The United States of Europe, working powerfully side by side with **SIMILAR** high and **TRULY** Democratic purposes.

4. **PRACTICED** Cooperation between Men (as individuals) far and wide, consisting of personal **ACTS** of **HELPLESSNESS** and friendliness toward each other.

After Cooperation between individuals has become a **REALITY** on a wide scale, Cooperation between nations will then become possible.

The more fortunate people and nations of The Earth **MUST** help the less fortunate up The Ladder of Progress **OR ELSE**—be dragged down by them.

### EACH ONE OF US (Young or Old) CAN HELP:

1. **PERSONALLY HELP** to make Cooperation a **REALITY**—Right around us.

2. Send copies of this "Appeal for Leadership" to those Men of Large Influence who **CAN** and **MUST** furnish Us, The People, with this leadership.

3. Send copies of both sheets to any or all of the Highly Influential Leaders suggested below, or to **ANY** Minister or Leader whom you desire to reach. Get others to do likewise. **DO IT NOW**.

### *Influential Church Leaders, Various Churches:*

An **INCOMPLETE** list of Influential Church Leaders of Our Nation (various churches) is given below, arranged alphabetically, with addresses.

Each of these Leaders individually possesses large influence. Because of the urgency of our needs it is proposed that their leadership shall be powerfully coordinated, aiming at specific and **SPIRITED** objectives.

- Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, Secretary, Federal Council of Churches in America, 297 4th Ave., New York City, N. Y.  
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Most Reverend Edward Mooney, D. D., 1234 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, Mich.  
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Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, Editor, Christian Century, 440 S. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.  
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Dr. Worth Marion Tippy, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.  
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*Dr. Robert Elliot Speer*  
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Eighty-two Technical Engineers in the Design Section of the U. S. Navy Yard at Bremerton, Wash., have signed and sponsored the following appeal for **SPIRITED** Leadership. These sponsors belong to various churches. Their appeal is directed to the Influential Leaders in various churches and to **YOU**. Your careful consideration of their appeal is earnestly requested by **ME**.

Name *Robert M. Walker* Address *Seattle, Wash.*

TO: Leaders of Churches, **ALL** Churches, Everywhere.

Subject: **AN APPEAL FOR SPIRITED LEADERSHIP TOWARD SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES.**

1. There has never been a time when Spirited Leadership toward specific, basic objectives was more greatly needed than now, when Democracy, Christianity, Law and Human Liberty are subjugated in Europe, and threatened throughout the earth.

2. There is one logical source to look to for this Spirited Leadership. This is in our churches—**ALL** churches. Catastrophe has come because of a lack of **FAIRNESS** in Human Relations. Our goal is Fairness and **THE RIGHT**.

3. In the past we in U. S. A. have successfully fought to unite Our People, and again to keep them united. If, instead of our one great nation, the United States of America, there had existed a number of separate and smaller nations, there would have inevitably resulted warfare and no great progress in America.

4. The **ONE** hope for the people of Europe, for Greater Progress and for an ending of European warfare—enduringly—is to get the various separate nations together, into **ONE** Great Cooperative Federation, The United States of Europe, which will become progressive and secure in the **SAME** way in which Our U. S. A. has attained these ends. This goal is **TRULY** Democratic.

5. The Banner which will lead to Success is the Banner of Fairness. Fairness dictates that we shall strive, (and fight if need be), **NOT** for a single nation, but for **ALL** the peoples of Europe. This objective will win the **SPIRITED** help of both God and Men—men everywhere—here in U. S. A.—and in **ALL** nations of Europe, as is necessary.

6. If the various nations of Europe are to regain Liberty, Security and Higher Standards of Living, they **MUST** be caused to strive together, spiritedly, toward a **COMMON** goal. The way for the people of Europe to get together is to cause them to—**GET TOGETHER**—into **ONE** Great Cooperative Nation, The United States of Europe. This goal is **RIGHT**.

7. A **COMMON** objective is imperative, one which will bring splendid benefits to people far and wide. The objective of getting the people of Europe together into **ONE** Great and **TRULY** Democratic nation will bring to The Millions of People in Europe **BENEFITS** which are equally as great as the **BENEFITS** which We, The People, have enjoyed here in The United States of America.

8. The help of our United States of America is badly needed in this World Crisis—**NOT** just our dollars, our steel, ships, planes, etc., but our Spirited and **WHOLE-HEARTED** help, including our lives if need be. This type of **GENUINE** help is possible in furthering the Spirited Objective of getting The People of Europe together into one Magnificent Nation, The United States of Europe.

9. Christianity as well as Democracy has brought upon itself this grave crisis, because of a deficiency of leadership. Spirited Leadership toward **THE RIGHT** is the only solution. This Leadership **CAN**, and **MUST**, be given.

10. Leadership can come from various sources. The type which is most needed can best come from The Church (**ALL** Churches). The Church is the Earthly Delegate of God—with all of the potential Wisdom, Power and Influence of God. This Latent Power is badly needed, and is available for use in this emergency. Therefore, we earnestly solicit Leadership from this Source.

11. This war will most quickly be ended thru a Spirited Plan to **FOREVER** end wars. The way to forever end wars is the same way by which to forever end Depressions. A Great Leader told us clearly what to do—centuries ago—to help each other—as individuals, and as nations.

12. The Kingdom of God on Earth will come from **COOPERATION**. Cooperation will come from the simple, practical program of causing men to help each other, as individuals, in the various ways in which help is needed (and not simply the indirect giving of money). Later, nations will likewise help each other. This is what a Great Leader clearly taught us. This is the **BASIC** way to forever end both wars and depressions.

13. The way to bring The Kingdom of God into existence on Earth is very simple. The help of many millions of people is needed. This help will be gladly given—by The Millions of Good People in **ALL** lands—when Spirited Leadership has been furnished toward this specific goal.

14. This is our sincere appeal for Spirited Leadership toward the Specific Goal of Cooperation between Men and Nations, which will establish The **KINGDOM of GOD on EARTH**.

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Foster, Scott

Dear Mr. Speer,

I have deeply  
enjoyed your sermon,  
I wish to express my  
feelings to you because  
I will not have the  
privilege to shake your  
hand, I am a colored  
man 39 yrs, old and have  
a family of six, I'm  
three weeks in the  
hospital, I wish to the best  
of my ability to refer  
your sermon to our  
the Council in the House  
and I am practicing  
instructions continually  
I want you to pray for  
me that I may last until  
the end of this world  
my may be with my  
some, my family and

myself, will pray that  
God will bless you, and  
give you a long life  
so that others may  
be converted unto you  
and that young ministers  
may be inspired by  
your noble work!

Scott Foster

150 Cemetery St

Foster, S.C.

? I may never see you  
again but I will  
never forget you and  
the impression you have  
made on me, I will not  
let it stop with me but  
will carry it to all whom  
I come in contact.

matters my ministry, I look up to you as  
stars does for many years. The Brotherhood  
Convention in Indianapolis afforded me my  
first personal contact with you. I can  
honestly say "I thank my God upon  
every remembrance of you!"

With affectionate esteem  
Fraternall

W Robt E. Spew  
Lakenills  
Conn.

William Hiram

WILLIAM HIRAM FOULKES  
STONY BROOK  
LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

Sunday  
June 8-1911

Dear Robert: Thank you for your gracious note.  
Seizure, quantitatively lessened upon me in  
super abundant, has something of a suffocating  
effect. To have one's buttocks well-filled hands  
waving, with nothing is a far more real experience.  
"If, as, it were", however, I get out of the period of  
physical disability and am able to live in  
comfort, at a reduced tempo to be sure, it  
will be a rich and satisfying experience.  
Needless to say, in nearly every other (man)

WILLIAM HIRAM FOULKES

STONY BROOK, LONG ISLAND

HOMESPUN  
of the  
Blue Net Work

Exit change up  
May 21-1943.

Winter Address  
94 South Munn Avenue, East Orange, N. J.

Wrb

Dear Robert :- Thank you for your tender note, which  
awaited me here as I came in from Long Beach.  
The earthly end has come.

Two weeks ago at Foreign Board meeting, I felt  
somewhat fatigued; Mrs. Faulkes with her characteristic  
solidity, which has underpinned me for 45 years of  
our wedded life, quite insisted that I should wear

late this early on Tuesday, which I did. We spent  
one of the happiest days we have enjoyed together  
in a long time. She prepared a superb supper and  
served it in the living room, in front of the fire-  
place. It was triumphantly in essence. We retired  
as usual, rather early. An air alert, or an siren,  
siren, disturbed her as it always did. Suddenly  
she called me and told me that something had happened.  
I called our physician who came swiftly. He feared  
that the end was literally at hand: her heart

# WILLIAM HIRAM FOULKES

STONY BROOK, LONG ISLAND

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Winter Address  
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was so weak. A dear neighbor (his friend's friend) came over and we sat up the rest of the night. The next day my dear old devoted children - all born of them reached us as soon as hands could <sup>only</sup> bring them; Their mother knew them, though she was, in coherently conscious, at momentary flashes. She had some word in French. We were handsomely encouraged, as her shock, per se, was not so



lived as mine two years ago. The children, except  
my daughter, returned home, on call. Friday, we  
went for them and Saturday noon, with <sup>my</sup> <sup>own</sup> <sup>eyes</sup>  
then at her bedside, with <sup>her</sup> <sup>family</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>us</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>us</sup>.

She passed with glory, with no pain or suffering,  
"in so sweet & beloved sleep". "Bully" our  
youngest son (38) Editor in Chief of the Providence  
No. Co. said to me last night that he had gone down  
stairs on the porch and had read aloud to himself  
I Cor. 15, with such assurance and comfort!

# WILLIAM HIRAM FOULKES

STONY BROOK, LONG ISLAND

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Winter Address  
94 South Munn Avenue, East Orange, N. J.

So, after living, and loving, and laboring together  
for over 45 years, we have been separated for the  
"little while". A service tonight in Old First  
church and tomorrow noon in our dear home  
in Stony Brook (where we have summered for 32 years)  
at the interment in our family plot in Southtown C.T.  
Two singing time hymns tonight, as a compensation. "My  
Faith looks up to thee" and "He leads me" and

The choir sings her favourite verse, in the hymn  
4 Ruthless (Phoebe Weston)

"Truth mercy and with judgment  
by work of time be won"

May our Risen Lord give us the victory of  
faith, for ourselves and for our loved ones  
who have fallen asleep!

With high esteem and deep affection  
Tuttham.

Fried? W.L.W.



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MILTON, MASSACHUSETTS

November 4, 1941.

Dr. Robert E. Speer

Rockledge

Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Thank you very much for your kind letter of October 29th.

We have already received the package of cracked wheat from the Great Valley Mills and anticipate much pleasure in consuming it. I have not tasted cracked wheat for years.

It was very kind of Mrs. Speer to remember our interest in Drinkwater's "Robinson of England". Please tell her that her inability to find it really gives me great comfort, for I, myself, have been mislaying books so constantly of late that I have repeatedly been baffled in my efforts to produce the right book at the right time for a profitable discussion. I almost feel sometimes that my little system has had its day, because it cannot be expected to function if I do not put the books back on the shelves.

With heartiest greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. L. W.

WLWF:V

Fulton, C. Darby



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May 26, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Dr. Speer:

On Monday evening, June 1, at Knoxville, Tennessee, two of the outstanding laymen of our denomination, Prof. J. P. McCallie and Mr. R. T. Faucette of Chattanooga, Tennessee, will give an Appreciation Dinner in honor of Dr. Egbert W. Smith, long known and distinguished as our Secretary of Foreign Missions. Our General Assembly will be in session in Knoxville at the time.

As a part of this happy celebration it is planned to present to Dr. Smith letters of appreciation written by his friends and associates in the work of Foreign Missions, these to be placed in a loose-leaf binder and put in his hands that evening. I am wondering, Dr. Speer, if you would like to send him a letter. I am sure he would receive it with the greatest of appreciation. If you should decide to send a message it would be best to address it to Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D., c/o Dr. J. P. McCallie, The McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dr. Smith attained his 80th birthday last January. He has served our General Assembly for 30 years as a Secretary of our Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. He is still as active as ever, evidenced by the fact that during the two months of February and March he delivered 96 addresses in 21 communities in eight states.

As the time is very short I am sending this to you by air mail.

With kindest regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

*C. Darby Fulton*

CDF/m

Galbreath, William H.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

REV. WILLIAM H. GALBREATH, MINISTER

SHIPPENSBURG, PA.

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THE MANSE  
12 SOUTH PRINCE STREET

Feb. 29, 1944

Dear Dr. Speer,

The enclosed check for \$25 is from our church in appreciation of your fine sermon of Sunday morning. We greatly appreciate the fact that you were willing to accept the extra burden of that service. I am sure that your message will long be remembered.

Under separate cover I am returning the newspaper cut which you originally sent to Dr. Eisenberg. It should arrive in good condition.

All of the cooperating churches of our community benefitted by your visit. Many persons of my acquaintance from several of the churches, who previously avoided union services, attended faithfully. I thank you for coming, for the sermons you preached, and for the pleasant occasions when we were together. We still greatly regret our inability to have you in our home, but I know you were made comfortable by Mr. and Mrs. Reisner.

I trust that you will have many more years to give to the Kingdom.

Sincerely yours,

William H. Galbreath

Gapp, Kenneth S.

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KENNETH S. GAPP, PH.D.  
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December 10th, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Many years ago you sent to us a copy of your booklet Are Foreign Missions Done For? This copy has been heavily used and has reached the state where it can no longer be rebound. May I ask whether you have available a copy of the book which can be sent to replace our damaged copy?

Cordially yours,

*Kenneth S. Gapp*

KSG:bm

Garritt, J.C.

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Green Cove Springs, Fla. Dec. 13/43.

Dear Robert:

Here are my Christmas Greetings, very full of good wishes for you and Mrs. Speer, and joy that Margaret can be at home with you now. I rejoice with you., and hope she is well and strong after all those wry months. We pray the day of deliverance for all the rest still over there may soon come. God grant them His peace in their adversities.

You are to be in Florida soon, I hear. Could you manage a Sabbath or a day here as you pass so close by me?

My failing sight is leading me to dispose of my pictures; and I am sending you a group photo taken at a Winona Assembly. I shall send it to you, as we both appear in it. We were younger then! My aunt, Mrs. Cara E. Coulter was there also; you recall she was a missionary in China (Ningpo) 1849-52. Mr. Jeremiassen, Dr. Ewing, and many others are in the group. How many mem-



oties pictures bring up! Memory is one of the most marvellous gifts God has given us.

I am always thankful for the fellowship and the work, which I shared with you and the others at 156, over the country, and in China.

Affectionately Yours,

J.C.Garritt.

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B. A. GARSIDE  
1790 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

September 12, 1942

My dear Dr. Speer:

During the summer I have been giving such time as I could spare from our work for China Relief to collaborating with Mrs. Henry W. Luce in collecting material on the life and work of Dr. Luce. As this undertaking progresses I hope you may be willing to discuss with us at some length your own contacts with Dr. Luce over a period of half a century. You were one of those most intimately associated with him all the way through his adult life, from the days he was a Yale undergraduate in the class of '92, as a Student Volunteer secretary, during his three decades of missionary service in China, and in the closing years of his life at Hartford and later at Haverford.

There is much of information, and even more of interpretation, concerning Dr. Luce's life and work which you are best qualified to supply. At many points you are the only one who possesses the necessary facts and judgments. But because of the many demands on your time and thoughts we must find the ways by which you can give us the maximum of assistance with a minimum of time and attention. This is a matter I would welcome the opportunity of talking over with you some time at your convenience. Are you to be in New York City in the fairly near future, and if so could you spare thirty to forty-five minutes for such a discussion? If more convenient to you, I would be glad to come to Lakeville, possibly on some Saturday.

Meantime, I have one request which I hope you may not find difficult or burdensome. Just now I am assembling material on Dr. Luce's boyhood in Scranton. As you know, one of the most powerful influences exerted upon Harry Luce during his young manhood, and even during his early years of service in China, was that of Dr. Charles E. Robinson, the pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Scranton. I believe you knew Dr. Robinson well, and held him in high regard. We need some two or three paragraphs descriptive of Dr. Robinson, picturing him as an individual, as a Christian, as a preacher and a pastor, and as a personality exerting a strong influence on Harry Luce in his formative years. Both Mrs. Luce and I recognize that you are the one who can give us such a description superbly well if you can find it possible to do so. Would you be able and willing to give us such a description of Dr. Robinson in, say, two hundred words - or more or less as you find most appropriate? It would be a service we would deeply appreciate.

Our warmest regards to both Mrs. Speer and yourself. I hope the summer has gone pleasantly for you both - despite all the things abroad in the world these days .

Very sincerely yours,

B. A. Garside

B. A. GARSIDE  
1790 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK

September 28, 1942.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

I am most grateful for your letter of September 17th, discussing the various questions I raised with you concerning Dr. Luce.

Mrs. Luce has now sent me a copy of the very fine letter you wrote her, describing Dr. Charles E. Robinson as you knew him. This will be extremely helpful.

We have already been in correspondence with Mr. Arthur B. Williams, who has given us quite a bit of interesting material on the activities in which he and Dr. Luce participated when they were growing up together in the Second Church of Scranton.

Thank you for your willingness to assist by conferring with us from time to time on other aspects of Dr. Luce's life and work. I am sorry that I was not far enough along with my collecting of material early in the summer to take advantage of your presence in New York City from Sunday to Sunday for seven weeks. A little later on I will get in touch with you again to discuss the question of where and how we can most conveniently confer on other matters in which I need your help.

The main points in the chronology of Dr. Luce's life are as follows:-

1868, born in Scranton, where he remained for 20 years. He attended first the public schools, and then the School of the Lackawanna - the latter in preparation for Yale University. From about the time he was 14 or 15, he was quite active in the Second Presbyterian Church.

1888-1892, in Yale University.

1892-1894, student in Union Seminary. During this time he became a Student Volunteer and was quite active in helping with arrangements for a Student Volunteer convention which met - I believe - at the end of 1893 in Detroit.

1894-1895, travelling Student Volunteer Secretary, along with Pitkin and Eddy.

1895-1896, went to Princeton Theological Seminary to complete his theological course.

1896-1897, spent a year travelling among the theological seminaries

of America with the Inter-seminary Missionary Alliance.

1897-1917, member of the staff of Cheeloo University. He was at home on furlough during 1905 and 1906, and a few years after returning to China was sent back to America to help raise money for Cheeloo University, occupying most of his time in that way until 1917.

1917-1919, Secretary of the China Christian Educational Association.

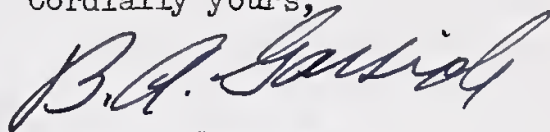
1919-1928, Vice President of Yenching University, spending most of his time in America in fund raising.

1929-1934, retired, and living in Haverford, with his chief interest the development of the Interpreters Institute.

These dates may help to refresh your memory of your own innumerable contacts with Dr. Luce during the years.

With greetings and good wishes for Mrs. Speer and yourself, I am

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. A. Garside".

B. A. Garside

Gates, C. F.

1640 E. 3rd. Ave. Denver -

April 26. 1943. 230

Dear Dr. Mrs. Spear:

I love to think of you and of the beautiful view from your porch. You seem to fit in with your environment. I wish I could call on you there.

Here when I go away from the house I lift up mine eyes <sup>to the mountains</sup> from whence cometh my help. The snow still veils the peaks.

I am sending you a little leaflet. I am giving copies to churches here for distribution.

Often I say to myself: "My God how wonderful Thou art!" I like to think of Lakeville in the summer.

affectionately yours

C. F. Gates.

Gilbert, Lillian R.



SILVER BAY ASSOCIATION, on Lake George, SILVER BAY, N. Y.

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The Library  
August 11, 1943

Dr. Robert Elliott Speer  
Lakeville  
Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

Last summer we began an interesting project in the library, that of building an author autographed collection. Only authors on the grounds since that time have been approached up until now and at present we have 16 books in this group.

You have so often been at Silver Bay, it seems to me that a book of yours belongs in this collection. If you would care to send an autographed copy of any one of your books, I shall be happy to place it with these, undoubtedly increasingly, valuable books.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) Lillian R. Gilbert

Librarian

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Tulsa, Oklahoma  
February 13, 1943

Rev. Robert Speer, D. D.  
% Mayo Hotel  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Doctor Speer:

Doctor Kerr has told us for years that you were the greatest living Christian. But I could not realize how good you are until hearing you.

Doctor Speer, your sermon Wednesday evening was along the line of giving that I heard Rev. S. Edward Young, D. D. preach a sermon in August 1895 in Pittsburg. He said God made man that he had to give wheather he wanted to or not. He said a baby had to use all the strength it had to take its first two steps and would crumble down but it had to give first in order to receive strength to take 3 or 4 steps. If it grew up to be an athlete, the same rule of giving first to receive more applied. For speed, he had to give or practice speed to get more speed, strength in order to get more strength, for long distances had to give step by step but had to give first in order to receive more. He said no one would dispute that law or principle in the physical state, and that it applied in the financial state, as a man would starve to death if he had a ton of gold. He had to give in order to receive. He said the same law of giving also applied in the spiritual state. The more one tried to give his religion to others the more he got back, and had to give in order to be happy and the most out of religion. The later is what I would like to see promoted.

I tried out Doctor Young's statement on athletics the next ten days and won bicycle races that it would have been impossible to win without hearing his sermon and watching the smoke of the gun and starting by eye instead of by ear and this is why I remember his sermon so well that I can sit down right now and write 2/3 of it yet. But I did not try out the Spiritual part of giving until 1931 when an elder of our church convinced me that a Christian that never brought anyone else into the church was the stingiest man on earth as he had something that was worth more than all the millions of gold and just kept to himself.

In December 1931, I thought I would try out his theory in personal work. I am enclosing a copy of a summary report made at the end of Doctor Miller's first year as pastor of our church, being on my eleven years work. The number re-

ceived are not so big but among mine are a number who were considered impossible by home folks and some by our church.

Doctor Speer, excuse me but I have come to the conclusion that the greater ~~wast~~ in the world is not gathering up scrap iron and tin cans and putting into amor to be sunk to the bottom of the ocean and taking lives with it, as bad a ~~wast~~ as that is. But the biggest ~~wast~~ in the world is saved Christians keeping right on year after year saving themselves and never saving anyone else.

What would have happened to Christianity if the disciples had spent all their time keeping saved and not saving others? Our system is wrong. If the Christian ministers of the world would look over their congregation and check as to how many good saints have been saved one to 60 years and would not miss a church service and have given liberally of everything, except sharing their religion with others, and have never brought anyone else into church (kingdom). What would you ministers think if your churches were filled with members that were all worth one to ten million dollars and would not give even one dollar. We will then suppose the churches are filled with saved members. What is it worth to be saved. Jesus gave us that answer and his answer ~~and~~ makes the millionaire a beggar in comparison to those saved. So then, as a matter of fact, my elder friend who has gone to his reward was right. The saved man and woman who belongs to the church and never has helped to have any others join the church are the stingiest people on earth.]

I take the stand that joining the church is making a contract with Jesus Christ for one salvation, a contract that will never be broken as far as Jesus is concerned. I believe joining the church is the only proper way of getting started on the road to Heaven.

[I believe that the most effective way of Christianizing the world is for the ministers to create a desire in the hearts of our church members to bring others.] If ministers at the end of the last war had made this their chief aim, we may not have had our present war. This desire must be created by the ministers. Let me tell you of one experience I had. Rev. Charly Taylor, Lowry Taylor, a piano player, and Dad Taylor who had preached 50 years held several weeks of meetings here in the Convention Hall, being supported by all the churches. I thought Dad Taylor would be a good one to give me valuable information in doing personal work. He said do you mean to ask people to join the church. I said yes. He said, Oh, you should not do that, why if you ask someone to join the church he might never go to a church again. I said, Dad, you are sure wrong, let me show you what I have done and my system. He then called his two sons and said, see what this man has done. They all seemed suprised that an eye to eye, heart to heart, knee to knee talk from an untrained layman could be efective. If, seemed they thought it must come through the entertainment and preaching route.

Hoping I have not taken too much of your time and you will speak good word in promoting personal work. Wishing that your last years will be your happiest and many of us are greatful for your coming to us and wish you many happy years in the Lord's service.

An Elder of the 1st Presby. Church

  
Bert G. Goble

REV. JOHN CALVIN GODDARD  
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

Feb. 2, '40

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Doctor Speer :

I received your imperative appeal, and almost considered it a divine "call". Any request from you is almost a heavenly mandate !

Truly, the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. For this is the triplicate obstacle; - first, I am up to my eyes in literary work now; it is all I can do to keep up with my present engagement with The Courant, and with two subsidiary obligations, with two other papers. They enable me to pay my way and squeeze through the year. Financial reasons would not be primary, to be sure, but they are forceful.

Next, I have already done considerable along that line: I wrote up the church in '74, when we celebrated our 150th anniversary. And again, a few years ago, I wrote a sketch of Salisbury, including the more dramatic incidents from the beginning until now. It was intended for popular reading, and did not aspire to be a volume of studious history. Other writings are also extant, viz: Judge Church's address, Thomas Norton's Salisbury in War Time, and Malcomb Rudd's Military Annals of Salisbury. The historic field has not been neglected.

But thirdly, and chiefly, the ONE man who has historic talent, and all the data at his fingers

REV. JOHN CALVIN GODDARD  
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

ends is Malcomb Day Rudd; nobody <sup>even</sup> approaches him as a safe and sane historian, in the town, or county. He is accurate as Prescott, and has the sympathetic understanding of nature and human nature.

It appeals to him, and he would have undertaken it con amore long since, had he the financial freedom requisite to the undertaking. But with a family more or less depending on his earnings, he has been debarred from the inviting undertaking. I have longed to have some of the ten millionaires of our town combine to engage him for the task, to look upon it as their contribution to the Salisbury public spirit. It would be a satisfaction to their own hearts to the end of their days, and of their heirs after them. It would be an act for all time

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With personal regards and all good wishes,

I am very cordially yours,

John Calvin Goddard

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Rev. John Calvin Goddard  
Winter Park, Florida

Jan. 6, 1941

Dr. Robt. E. Speer,  
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Doctor Speer :

We left as hurriedly as when the Chosen People hustled out of Egypt, and, as you were in parts unknown, I had no opportunity of asking if I might take your book with me. I strained a point by taking it for mental and spiritual pabulum in this florid peninsular.

But if you need it, or wish to place it in worthier hands at once, please let me know, and I will return it immediately. Meanwhile, it helps keep me in a state of grace, I trust.

We are enjoying the mild climate, also revisiting our Winter Park friends; but I miss the Old White Church !

Do your best to keep Henry Sloane Coffin chirked up over his boys in jail; as the Scripture intimates, a pacifist is wiser in his own conceit than seven men who can render a reason.

If I can do anything for Mrs. Speer, permit me to

serve her and the cause any time she pleases.  
With all good wishes for the New Year, in which  
Mrs. Goddard cordially joins,

I am devotedly yours,

John Calvin Goddard

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REV. JOHN CALVIN GODDARD  
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

Jan. 16, '41

My dear Dr. Speer:

Dr. McCaghnegie (or whatever the good man spells it) met me at a missionary conference here two days ago, and wanted to have me convey to you his love; which I herewith do, tho' supposedly you are "somewhere in Mississippi".

I am still eating strong meat out of your manger, and particularly enjoy chewing the cud of your treatment of B'hai-ism.

I am to speak at the Methodist Church next Sunday on "How I became a minister".

The missionary life of this vicinity greatly impresses me. I am starving for it! I would give a great deal to see such a meeting, or series of them, like the enclosed, in our church & vicinity.

You need not acknowledge this note, busy man.

With warm regards and thanking you for your letter and book, extending to Mrs. Speer, in which Mrs. Goddard joins,

I am devotedly yours,

John Calvin Goddard

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REV. JOHN CALVIN GODDARD  
WINTER PARK, FLORIDA

Jan, 20, 1941

My dear Mrs. Speer :

^ Not knowing where the Doctor is, I address you, in order to convey the message I was requested today to deliver to him. It was from Dr. Chas T. Leber, who is, I suppose, Dr. Speer's successor at 156 Fifth Ave. When he discovered that I knew him in my home church as an attendant, he exclaimed, "one of the best and most lovable men I know! Please send him my love."

Incidentally, I find so many good souls, who wish me to convey their love and admiration to him, that I think of having a typed-form made, with a dotted line, just for writing in the sender's name. He is universally known and revered!

This occasion was a day in the series of Florida "Chain of Missionary Assemblies", covering 18 cities in the state. The Winter Park Assembly was exceedingly successful, and specially emphasized China. I know that this fact will please you both, & will do something to offset the mission-famine of Connecticut. Would that we could have a Missionary Assemblies Chain in ~~our~~ our corner!

We are both well, thank you, and trying to do our bit. I spoke Sunday to a Methodist class of 136 on "How I became a minister", with gratifying response.

It looks to me as if a turning point in the Hitler campaign is nearing. God grant it!

With affectionate regards from us both,

*John Calvin Goddard*



Goddard, John Calvin

Jr

2506 LINDEN STREET  
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Dec. 13.

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Speer,

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We have thought  
of you much, & rejoiced in what we  
learned of your China family.  
May Heaven send you good  
tidings of great joy for Christ-  
mas.

We are here at home daughter  
is (Mrs. L. C. Morton) thus far  
on our way to Florida, which we  
expect to reach about Dec. 29,  
at the Lincoln, Winter Park.

I am to preach here at the

Pilgrim Congl Church, which  
I helped start (in the Y.M.C.A.)  
21 years ago. It is now above  
300 strong, & very much alive.

To continue to be happy  
our own pastor in Salisbury,  
a man sent from God. Truly  
by believing.

With affectionate regards  
from us both,

Sincerely yours,

Shirley T. Edwards

Gordon, Ernest

Wayne, Pennsylvania,  
February 10th, 1942

Dear Dr. Speer:

I send with this a copy of "From a Layman's Greek Testament" Would you care to review it? I have published it for young people, college boys and girls, in the hope that it might convince them that the Bible is sui generis, a divine book and that it might hold them in line in critical college years when their Christian faith is subjected to such strains.

I know I am greatly daring to make this suggestion and if it is not convenient <sup>for you</sup> to fall in with it, or if you think the book fanciful or nicht gelungen, just forget about it.

I was greatly interested to hear your address a year ago this time at Eastern Baptist Seminary. Certainly your bow abides in strength.

With warm Christian regards,

Faithfully Yours

*Ernest Gordon*

Ernest Gordon  
130 Walnut Ave.  
Wayne, Pa.

Gordon, Ernest

Personal

26 Upland St. Fitchburg  
January 8th

Dear Dr. Speer:

The paragraph on the massacres in Croatia was based on material which appeared in the N.Y. Times, the Presbyterian Tribune, and the Converted Catholic. The last source I feel to be very trustworthy as Dr. Lehmann, Dr. Murphy and the other ex-priests in this group are able, intelligent, experienced, well-informed men, educated in Rome and in their earlier years of the priesthood working in all parts of the world.

There is not doubt as to the massacres. It is solely a question of responsibility for them.

The present political tangle between de Gaulle, Darlan, Gireaud, Petain, Laval and the rest goes far back, and more recently, to the Dreyfus Affaire and the disestablishment of the RC Church in 1905 in France. Cherchez l'Eglise! It is no doubt the same in Croatia. The last war started with the assassination of the Jesuit-trained Archduke at Sarajevo. It was a protest of the Orthodox Slavs against the attempt of the Catholic Church of Rome to control the area now occupied by Jugoslavia. Again Cherchez l'Eglise!

in our day  
That Roman clergy are capable of instigating and carrying through bloody persecutions against the Orthodox Church is clear from their campaigns against that Church in Poland: also through the Polish government against the Ukrainians of Poland.

They use the civil power to do these things and then dissociate themselves from any responsibility, by this ruse. Enormous numbers of churches and presbyteries and other property were taken from the Russian Church and reconsecrated as RC churches.

There is no doubt that the Vatican, the Jesuits, and Roman Catholicism in general in Italy and elsewhere backed Mussolini's cruel raid on Abyssinia although the cruelties were the work of lay Catholics, -Italian air-men and poison-gas squads.

Dr. Lehmann says that the RC church is more closely cooperative with the Nazi movement and Fascism in general than is commonly realised. There seems to be much that is difficult to explain here. He thinks that the repressive measures against German Catholicism are directed chiefly against the liberal elements in the RC church and that this is what the Jesuits desire. There are plenty of signs of this elsewhere as in Latin America, Spain, Belgium. Dr. Pavelic is a Nazi but he is also a Catholic. Dr. Clinchy's circular says that "Roman Catholic leaders, have refused to collaborate with Nazi plans to exterminate the Serbian Catholic Church in Croatia under the guise of creating a Catholic state purified from foreign influence."

Then there is such a plan on foot and being carried out by a Catholic politician. Dr. Clinchy's statement declares that the catholic clergy are opposed to such a policy and are perplexed at the inexplicable silence of the Pope on the atrocities being committed by the occupying forces throughout Yugoslavia.

The ~~only~~ question in my mind is whether the Croat clergy are really hostile to the governments operations or simply trying to protect their reputations. Or perhaps they are actually better than the Jesuits!

I am at present tied up here in Fitchburg and shall not be able to get to New York for several weeks. As soon as possible after that, I will consult a file of the NYTimes and take up the matter in the SST. I will also try to call on Dr Clinchy. But is he, or his organisation, not inclined to look favorably on Roman Catholicism as a matter of organisational principle?\*

Faithfully Yrs, Ernest Gordon

\*cf the subject of "The Black International" or "The Black Legion" - Dublin

Gordon, Ernest

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New York, April 6th, 1943

Dear Dr. Speer:

I went to see the National Conference for Christians and Jews. Dr. Clinchy was away but I saw the other officials. The release, sent out by the Conference exonerating the Roman Catholic church from complicity in the Croat massacres, was prepared by Mr. Thomas F. Doyle, a member of the Conference staff and a Roman Catholic. His information came from a <sup>Roman</sup> Catholic monk on the East Side. In my judgment it was a wholly false picture of what happened.

A statement of Pope Pius XII regarding conditions in Europe was published some months ago in all the Catholic papers of the United States (I have the date and text at home). In it he spoke of his gratification at the politico-ecclesiastical situation in France, Spain, and Portugal and at "the determination of events in Croatia" In other words the liquidation of Greek Orthodox Christians in Croatia was a matter of satisfaction.

I would say that Drs. Lehmann and Murphy in the Converted Catholic give the best survey of Roman Catholic events to be found in English. They are very able and experienced men: also men of good spirit and I think of fundamentally evangelical sympathy. They have revived the Christ's Mission which Father O'Connor led so successfully and whom you ~~may~~ perhaps met at Northfield in the old days, or elsewhere. The address is 229 W. 48th St., N.Y. The Converted Catholic costs but \$1.

Father O'Connor's mission had a house on W. 56th St., a sort of receiving home for priests leaving Rome. Here they were able to get breath, orient themselves, secure work, and otherwise tide themselves over a harrowing experience. The present group should have the same equipment. Protestants who take up with Rome are favored: too often Catholic priests receive little attention or sympathy. This is not as it should be.

I have wondered whether in your experience as Missions secretary houses were ever, or often, offered to the Board by men or women who because of death, removal, or other causes cared no longer to retain them. If this is an occasional happening is there any way in which I could get in touch with persons or boards to whom such property has been entrusted? I would indeed like to help this group to a home for priests somewhere in Greater New York or nearby in Connecticut or New Jersey.

I trust you are well and that your visit to Oklahoma was every way a blessing.

Faithfully Yours

*Ernest Gordon*  
Ernest Gordon  
26 Upland St.  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Grier, Joseph L.

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Dear Dr. Speer:

I send you congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of your birthday, Friday, September the tenth.

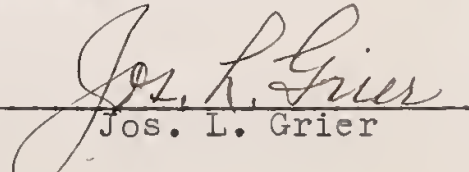
May you find great satisfaction in the contemplation of another year of signal service in the Lord's work.

Your ministry at Bonclarken this summer was deeply appreciated. It was a great inspiration to have you with us again and your three addresses were most helpful. Many have spoken to me of the good you did them. The address on "Earthern Vessels" was particularly fine, I thought, and I heard others express the same preference.

May your birthday be a most happy one and may there be many joyful returns of this day for you.

We hope we may have you with us at Bonclarken next summer.

Most sincerely yours,

  
Jos. L. Grier

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Conn.

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JOHN H. GROSS  
WITHERSPOON BUILDING  
PHILADELPHIA

May, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville  
Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

A study of certain investment data having to do with the Board of Pensions brings to light the fact, -- based on quoted values as at March 31, 1943, -- that had the Board neither bought nor sold a single bond or stock, save for taking care of calls and maturities, since the last report which I presented showing prices as of July 30, 1938, the investment assets held at that time would now be worth more than \$700,000 above their original cost.

This conclusion is reached by comparing the March 31, 1943 market quotations of the securities which were held on July 30, 1938, with the book values of those same securities adjusted to reflect the accumulated gains on sales, net after losses on sales and markdowns, covering the entire time during which the service pension plan has been in operation.

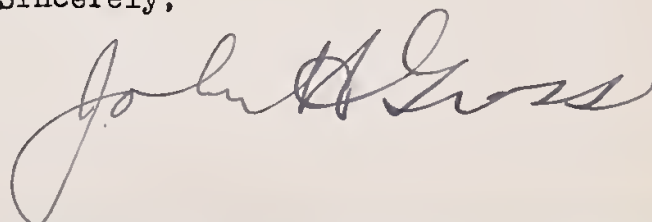
The income return in dividends and interest from these same securities, if they had been held, would have been more than fully maintained during these five years. In fact, said income on bonds and stocks would have been at the annual rate of around five percent for 1943, and would have been substantially greater in amount for the church year just closed than it was for the twelve month period which preceded my July 30, 1938 report.

These statements mean that for the period of my service, which extended from 1925 to 1936 as an officer and on through a part of 1938 as investment counsel, the Board not only would have suffered no net loss from investment management, but today would possess investment resources valued at approximately \$700,000 above their original cost, even though not a security transaction had been made since 1938, save for maturities and calls.

This is proved by the exhibits shown on the following pages, which also contain other suggestive information on the investment policies and accomplishments of the present Pension Board administration. The exhibits are as follows:

Exhibit I Summary of July 30, 1938 investment holdings valued at 3/31/43.  
Exhibit II Defaulted railroad bond sales by present management and results.  
Exhibit III Effects of the expansion in common stock holdings of the Board.

Sincerely,



Guild, Roy B.

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September 18, 1941

Dr. Robert W. Speer  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Friend:

Believing you will be glad to meet once more our dear friend Raymond Robins, I am sending to you a snapshot which I had taken with my camera when on his island with him in the Gulf of Mexico. His arm is around his attendant. Next to Mrs. Guild is Mr. Robins. This picture was taken just a short time before Raymond had the degree of Doctor of Laws bestowed upon him by the University of Florida. This was done at Chinsegut Hill, Brooksville, Florida.

It is just six years since Raymond fell from the eucalyptus tree on his estate, which he has given to the United States government as you probably know, the government to take possession upon the death of himself and Mrs. Robins.

In this fall his back was broek in two places. He has been completely paralyzed from the waist down ever since. Thanks to a week's visit by his friend, the late Dr. Richard Cabot, he was taken from the bed on which he was placed and started on the way to self-help. I wish you could feel the strength of his arms and chest as I felt them as I stood beside him. He has the arms of a prizefighter, having developed them by most constant and vigorous exercises. With the circular stroller which he has had made on little wheels, he goes around Chinsegut Hill without the help of anyone, pruning his shrubbery and doing other things he likes to do.

I wish you could have heard the address on current issues which he gave immediately after he received his degree from President Tigert. It had the old-time ring. His voice is as resonant as ever, thanks to the vigorous life he lives from the waist up.

I need not assure you that Raymond would be glad to have you let him know that you have been glad to meet him once more. Possibly you have been at his home in Brooksville.

Fraternally yours

ROY B. GUILD  
Secretary Emeritus

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enc



Gunn, Charles A.

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Banning, Cal.

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1942



Just putting it in  
writing

My Dear Robert:

The Cumberland - Halden -  
Gunn Clan joins in wishing the Spear  
family all the joys of the Christmas  
season, and the peace which this warlike  
world cannot give through all the  
new year.

You and Cleland McAfee

all the month. We are hoping and praying for a still greater undertaking for the new year when we set aside a Sunday for making our annual pledges in February.

That is a rather long parenthesis in a Christmas message, but I must add our own joy over the fact that the Haldens' return to this country made it possible for them to join the membership of our church here.

With renewed Christmas greetings,

Affectionately yours

Chas. A. Gunn

have shamed me by your abundant activities in these recent years and so I hasten to announce that I am once more working over a drawing board - this time in the service of Uncle Sam in the Engineering (Regional) office of the War Dept.

But in a very different line, we have been delighted, as members of the Benevolence Com. of our little Church in Colton to have the Christmas offering for "War Emergency" go over the top of our quota by \$39., while the regular offerings have been on a higher level

Gunn, Charles A.

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n.d.

A printed personal letter to you with hand-written signature.

*Dear Friends:*

We are on the move again. "As usual," you say? Yes, but now to another town in the same state and country! For fear that if we wait to write individual letters you may not hear of it before time for another move, we are taking this wholesale way of giving you briefly and promptly the essential facts.

Our daughter, Harriet Cumberland, decided that this was the psychological time for a change in her teaching program and resigned her position in the Colton Union High School. The difficulty of finding a suitable house for the family in Colton was a factor, though not the only one, in her decision.

Three openings for her appeared,—in Burbank, Whittier and Los Angeles high schools,—and as the selection of a desirable town in which to bring up a family was an important factor, and as each teaching institution was desirable, Whittier, the city of "Friends", was chosen.

New owners were waiting for our house in Colton so, although our lease had not expired, a moving van called for our goods and took them to the storehouse July 31st, while we moved for August to 2108 Glenview Terrace in beautiful Altadena. From there we moved on to our future home about September first at 214 E. Hadley street, Whittier.

Many possible questions remain unanswered. They may vary for each of you. But we shall welcome the opportunity to answer them separately.

Always cordially, your friends

*May B. and Chas. A. Gunn*

Oh, yes: the old gentleman is still working for the San Bernardino Army Air Depot, Utilities Branch, and is regretfully separated from the rest of the family in the interim.

Dear Robert:

The printing of this letter was delayed and now it is only ~~four~~ days before the final move to Whittier takes place. I say "final" because in keeping with our experience of the past years we have had to add another move between Altadena and Whittier because the house repairs at Whittier were not yet complete and the Altadena Owner is coming back from her vacation tomorrow.

This note is particularly to wish you a very happy birthday in the coming week. We were grieved to learn the other day of Geo. Irving's death but glad that you could be in Summit for the funeral. It would be a great comfort for Mrs. Irving.

Our Helen and her family are now all together in Escalon, California, but the rest of the family all join me in best wishes.

Affectionately

Chas. A. Gunn

Gurley, Richard

St. Martin's Church  
Radnor, Pa.

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March 11, 1940

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Rockledge,  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Thanks ever so much for your note of March 3rd. I never had the pleasure of meeting you personally but always envied my two brothers, Melville and Alvin, who have had that privilege. Alvin is now at Saranac Lake in charge of the Presbyterian Church there, and Melville, as you probably know, has come into the Episcopal ministry and is now Rector of St. John's Church, Cynwyd, not far from me here. If it could be arranged so that I could see you and talk over the matter of this Committee's plan, I would appreciate it. I have had a most astonishing reply from two members of it, Messrs. Fosdick and Buttrick, and a most courteous and considerate letter from Mrs. Grover Clark, the Corresponding Secretary. Senator Pittman's recent announcement that he would do no more about the question in the present Congress indicates that there is, as a great many of us in the Legion have known for a long time, very powerful pressure <sup>being</sup> brought to bear for the complete suppression of any agitation, let alone action, against the manufacturers and ~~buyers~~ <sup>shippers</sup> of war materials sent to Japan.

I feel sure, however, that you and your fellow committeemen are in positions that give you the necessary amount of influence in shaping public opinion to bring to bear upon these gentlemen in Congress, and out of it, a force that they will recognize. I shall be glad to do anything I can to help the Committee as I have been asked to, but I confess I cannot see any immediately effective results even possible from the ways in which they suggest this help can be given.

Meanwhile some day perhaps I can talk to you about this in person. With kindest regards and appreciating the courteous reply, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

Richard Gurley

Hall, Cameron P.

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February 18, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

There has come to our office this morning a most interesting request from the Presbyterian Church in the United States. They wish permission to reprint your article, "Is the Human Race One?" which appeared in the February issue of SOCIAL PROGRESS, in their official magazine, "The Presbyterian Survey." This is indeed an indication of appreciation which is highly significant.

I might say that this is in line with the comments that have come to us from many sources within our own church, indicating that your article has made an unusually appreciative appeal.

Thank you yet again for helping us in our thinking as Christians on this very important phase of human relations.

Sincerely yours,

*Cameron P. Hall*

Cameron P. Hall

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C. W. HALLETT  
3542 - 80TH STREET  
JACKSON HEIGHTS  
LONG ISLAND, N. Y.

Aug. 17, 1943.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Several weeks ago you used the ninth chapter of John as the basis for your sermon. During it you spoke of sin and the inescapable results of sin.

I left the church thinking to myself, "I wonder what is like to be good" - and I still have the question in my mind. Might I, presume to ask if you would recommend some reading for me which would guide me toward an answer?

Already you have been a wonderful help to me at a time when I have needed it and I am thankful.

Respectfully yours,

Wesley Hallett.



# "PROTESTANTISM ANSWERS HATE"

. . . a DINNER - FORUM under the auspices  
of the PROTESTANT DIGEST ASSOCIATES,  
to be held at the HOTEL ROOSEVELT, NEW YORK  
on LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY EVE - Feb. 11th, 1941  
Temporary Committee - 521 Fifth Ave. - New York - VA 6-1886

JOHN HAMMOND, Jr. - Chairman

## A Call . . .

With the forces of Totalitarianism increasingly assaulting the bulwarks of human rights and our whole order and belief . . . we, the undersigned feel that a collective voice of Protestantism must come forward at this time to express the abhorrence Protestantism holds for the debasing of human values by hate.

No longer should hate for the foreigner . . . hate for the man of color . . . hate for the Jew . . . hate for the Roman Catholic . . . hate for the minority groups . . . be voiced in these United States without a forthright condemnation by all Protestant people.

We feel that the effectiveness of this answer to hate will be enhanced by having on our committee as wide as possible a representation of American Protestant communities.

Therefore, we ask you to join us and the many other ministers and laymen of Protestant denominations, on the sponsoring committee of this dinner-forum.

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*Past President, Vassar College*

For your convenience we enclose a return reply card which need only be signed and mailed.

*Hammond, John Jr.*

JOHN HAMMOND, Jr.

*JH*

January 6, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville  
Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

As Chairman of the Temporary Committee of Arrangements for the "PROTESTANTISM ANSWERS HATE" Dinner-Forum to be held on Lincoln's Birthday Eve, February 11th, I have been asked to invite you to join our Sponsoring Committee.

The enclosed "Call", with the names of the Temporary Committee, gives the scope of this timely dinner meeting and indicates the wide cross-section of Protestant ministerial and organizational life which will be represented.

The "Call" itself, as you will note, is a precise collective statement around the issue of intolerance. It will give you a clear idea of the matters with which the Dinner-Forum will be concerned.

We, who are working on assuring the success of this highly important function, look forward to your joining us on the Sponsoring Committee.

Sincerely,

  
John Hammond, Jr.  
Chairman

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Hannaford, Howard D.

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October 15, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:-

A young Japanese, formerly a teacher in the Baptist Mission's school in Yokohama, is making an intensive study of the missionary movement in Japan during the Meiji Era in preparation for writing a book. He is finding difficulty in securing accurate information about Rev. D. B. McCartee, M.D., who, as you know far better than I, was in Japan for some years after his missionary experience in China. I have shared with him all I have been able to learn from Mission and other records. But he wants, above all, to see the book about Dr. McCartee, which you published in 1922, "A Missionary Pioneer in the Far East". I regret to say that I cannot find an available copy. Therefore I am taking the liberty of troubling you and asking you, if copies of the book are still on sale, to order one sent to me at the above address. The charge for the book plus postage should be sent to my sister, who is taking care of my affairs in the United States, now that we no longer take care of charges through the Board's Treasurer's Office; her address is:-Miss Edna Hannaford, 619 Woodlawn Avenue, Springfield, Ohio. I shall be extremely grateful for what you can do for me in this matter, although I am sorry to trouble you with the request when I know you are busy. If the book can be secured, you will be rendering great assistance to Mr. Ozawa, the young man of whom I wrote above, as well as doing a favor for me.

I presume you know of recent developments in The Japan Mission. At the request of school administrators missionaries have withdrawn, for the time being, from the teaching force of Hokusei Girls' School in Sapporo, Baiko Girls' School in Shimonoseki and Meiji Gakuin, in Tokyo. The latter institution is in the process of amending its Deed of Trust in such a way that hereafter the Missions will not elect representatives on the Board of Trustees of the school, although it is tacitly understood that one missionary from each of the connected Missions will be elected Trustee in the quota of members of the Board, elected by that body. The Mission is following a policy of watchful waiting and meanwhile is extremely grateful for the fine personal relations its members have with both Japanese ministers and teachers in our schools, unchanged by the recent developments.

Mrs. Hannaford and I greatly enjoyed Marnie's and Augusta's visit in Japan in 1940 and my son and I have an added happy memory of our visit in their home at Yenching; we count them among our most tried and trusted friends.

Sincerely

Howard D. Hannaford

Howard D. Hannaford

Hannum, Wm J.

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August 9, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:

We had a meeting a few days ago and dissolved our Anniversary Committee. A few details had dragged on. The Committee ~~was~~ very happy over the outcomes.

May I personally express appreciation again for your presence and messages. We may not have reached great crowds that sweltering June Sabbath but you made an impression on many who are in a peculiar position to be strong Christian leaders in this community.

The Committee voted to send an appreciation to you and I am sure you have heard from Mr. Hutchinson by this time.

Mrs. Hannum has recently heard through members of her family who are of the Society of Friends that Mrs. Speer was either a Friend or of a family in which there were active Friends. She has wondered if this were true or not.

Sincerely yours,

*William J. Hannum*

John

WAYNE HANSON  
224 NORTH KENILWORTH AVENUE  
OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

June 17 1943

Dear Dr. Speer:

You have long forgotten me but I belong to the thousands of YmCA men whom you inspired from College onwards. Four years ago I entered the retired ranks and now edit the bi-monthly "Old Guard News" for our six hundred and more on the YmCA retirement rolls - Not long ago Dr. Mott gave us our "leading article", a brief message; and our officers are eager to have such a message from you at an early date - Our space is limited as you see, but we would appreciate most highly a hundred words from you - May I have word at an early date that I may count on such from you?

With much appreciation, I am,

Sincerely Yours

Wayne Hanson

WAYNE HANSON  
224 NORTH KENILWORTH AVENUE  
OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

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July 28 1943

Dear Dr. Speer:

Our Retired Secretaries are most grateful for your inspiring message in the August issue of "Old Guard News". It brings back so vividly the spiritual challenges you flung at us across these glorious years! I enclose two copies of the issue, and shall gladly send more should you care for them -

Sincerely yours

Wayne Hanson

Editor

Harris, W. Donald

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

W. DONALD HARRIS, PASTOR

JACKSONVILLE, TEXAS

March 16, 1941.

Dear Mr. Speer:

I am a stranger to you & you may wonder at my nerve in sending you an invitation to my wedding. But ever since I heard you in Kansas City in the early part of 1930 I have admired your greatness. I was attending Park College then, and another boy & I came in to hear you speak. There were no busses or trains after that service so we walked home over an ice-coated highway. My partner got frost-bitten ears & stayed in bed two weeks, but we both thought it worthwhile then & I still do - you sent me a good book "Men Who Were Found Faithful" when you got back from that tour. Mr. George Irving said he was going to try to get you to our Seminar in Ft. Worth next winter.

Hope you can come -  
You probably know my father, Will Harris of the Polytechnic in Puerto Rico -

To me you are the greatest living Christian in the world today - Hence, I sent the invitation of an incident that means a lot to me to one who indirectly has enriched my Christian ministry a great deal -  
God grant you many more years of strength to inspire people to follow Him -  
Best wishes to you & Mrs. Speer -

Donald

Harrison, A.O.

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March 18th. 1943.

Dr. Robt. E. Speer,  
Lakeville, Conn.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

I find myself unable to square with my conscience without writing you to express the unusual pleasure that was mine in connection with your recent visit to Bartlesville.

It was, perhaps, of little concern to you, and wholly without your knowledge that you crossed my path fifty years ago, but that event was of very deep concern to me. It definitely changed the course of my life, and left me on higher ground. For all this I am constrained to give you this belated expression of gratitude. In so doing I am sure I but express the sentiments of thousands of men, who in their younger years were similarly touched and influenced by you. How gratifying it must be to drift down toward the sun-set with such vast resources of treasures and trophies, all wholly beyond the reach of moth and rust and thieves!

I want to assure you, Doctor, of my warmest regards and best wishes for your continued health and usefulness.

Most sincerely Your friend,

*A. O. Harrison*  
A. O. Harrison.



Walter T. Hart  
513 Beresford Avenue  
Winnipeg Canada

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Hart, Walter T.

August 14, 1943.

Dear Dr. Speer;

It was a happy experience to read your message and see your picture in the August "Old Guard News". It recalled days of long ago when your voice was often heard in Y. M. C. A. circles.

On my meagre library shelves I have the reports of several Student Volunteer Conventions, which contain some of your great messages, delivered to those in attendance and privileged to hear them.

The contacts with you have been few during the decades now in history, but I can remember the years I served with the late L. Wilbur Messer in Chicago and numbered among friends some of the leaders of the Association of that day. I still prize a half century or more of delightful friendship with Dr. John R. Mott.

I never had the privileges of college life but that loss has had some compensation I hope in the influence and acquaintanceship of leaders in university and church life, of whom I am happy to include yourself.

May I express very sincere good wishes in your great tasks and my joy that the Master of the Vineyard has called you to work and service of such transcendent importance.

Cordially yours,

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Lakeville, Connecticut.

*Walter T. Hart*

P. S. Since typing this letter I have learned you were born September 10th, 1867-exactly one month earlier than I count my age. I wish fate had been, in other ways, as generous to me.

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Haworth, Lester C.

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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
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October 17, 1941

Robert E. Speer  
% Bd. of Foreign Missions  
Presbyterian Church  
156 - 5th Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Speer:

Do you remember that Andrew Carnegie earned his first money as a boy raising rabbits? Andy got the boys in the neighborhood to gather clover to feed to the rabbits, promising each boy who was faithful, that a rabbit would be named after him.

Soon I am to make a speech before several hundred Philadelphia ministers on the subject "The Pew Speaks to the Pulpit". Exactly twenty years ago I did a similar thing. Then I asked two hundred other laymen to help me. They answered some questions. Among many, I remember getting a most interesting reply from William Jennings Bryan.

Thanks to my friends that speech seemed to have been a success. The Associated Press carried it. Several religious journals used it, and finally the old Literary Digest picked it up.

This time I am following the same lead. Already one Journal with a large circulation has expressed an interest.

I will dedicate the speech to you if you will furnish a little "fodder". Your name will not be used without your consent, but I will send you a digest of the answers. Will you please help me out? It will take but a few minutes.

I will gladly join any national committee to rid the world of the pest of the questionnaire just so it is not retroactive.

Please do not let me down. At least, not until you read the questions.

With very high hopes and many thanks,

Yours cordially,

  
Lester C. Haworth

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Hayes, W.M.

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D. Robert E. Sher,

Rockledge,

Lakewood,

Conn. U.S.A.

My dear D. Sher -




Not having heard from you over a year I had no intention of writing - and I don't blame you for not writing, for, from all accounts, your time is taken up with more worthwhile work.

I have just met with a serious accident snapping the right femur in two a short distance below the hip joint. The doctor says very fortunate it was not a half an inch higher, as it would have been a much more serious proposition. This accident has impressed on me the uncertainty of life at my age, and I am thinking of asking you a favor, namely, when that time comes, of writing a short obituary for the Presbyterian. There are not many now who really know me, as I believe only one of my college classmates remains, and one of my seminary classmates - though I am not certain of either of them. Dr. B. C. Patterson of Staunton, Virginia, R.D. 2, will write a short one for my own country paper. He has been a close friend for the last twenty years, and knows more of my recent work than any one else. You will find other data in Who's Who in America, and also in the pre-mortuary record

Haymakers, The



*"It shall come to pass at evening  
time it shall be light."*



*Out of our evening calm we send you  
the seasons greetings and the sure and  
certain hope, for better years to come.*

*The  
Haymakers of Guatemala.*



Hazlett, Paul H.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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PAUL H. HAZLETT, MINISTER  
105 EAST FIRST STREET

September 15, 1943

Mr. Robert <sup>W.</sup> Speer, D. D.  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Speer:

I have listened to you so many times with such benefit that I am taking the liberty of asking your help.

There is in my congregation a young woman who has been reading rather concentratedly in the field of comparative religion. So much so that she has become mentally and spiritually upset at the discovery that there are many striking similarities between the other religions and Christianity.

I confess to no extended knowledge in this field, and am hesitant to attempt to reason with her overmuch because I suspect that ~~she~~ she is much better read on the other religions than I.

Could you suggest a book, not too pedantic nor technical, that I might secure and give to her to read as an answer to her problem. She is deeply sincere and deserves every help.

I can only thank you greatly for any advice you may give.

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Hazlett

Hazlett, Paul H.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
CORNING, NEW YORK

PAUL H. HAZLETT, MINISTER  
105 EAST FIRST STREET

November 16, 1943

Dear Dr. Speer:

Under separate cover I am returning to you the book, "The Light of the World", which you so kindly loaned me.

I know you will rejoice with me in the knowledge that the young lady for whom I had requested it has her feet on solid ground again. When she returned the book last evening, her comment was, "He has answered all my questions. My thinking is straightened out now". Any thanks that I might offer would be poor indeed compared to the knowledge that a heart is at peace, but please know that I am most grateful.

It is a pity that the book is out of print. Surely every minister ought to have such a volume in his library for just such a need as was mine.

Sincerely,

*Paul H. Hazlett*

Hearn, C. Aubrey

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March 20, 1942

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

I appreciate so much your letter of March 12 stating that you will be glad to autograph one of your books for me. The book I wanted you to autograph is The Marks of a Man. I did not know until two weeks ago that the book is out of print. I have tried several second hand bookstores but have been unable to get a copy. It occurred to me that you might have an extra copy you would be willing to sell. If so, I will appreciate it very much if you will autograph it for me and mail it to me with a bill for the amount. If you do not have an extra copy I will see if I can get one in some other second hand store.

When I do manage to get a copy of the book I will want to ask you to put not only your autograph on the flyleaf but also your life's motto, your favorite Scripture passage, and your definition of a Christian.

Again let me assure you of my appreciation of your kindness.

Sincerely yours,

*C. Aubrey Hearn*

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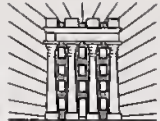
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September 1, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Connecticut

Dear Dr. Speer:

You may recall that after your sermon on August 8 at the First Presbyterian Church in New York, I spoke to you briefly and reminded you of your promise to autograph one of your books for me. At last I have found the book I wanted--The Marks of a Man. I am sending it to you under separate cover and asking that in addition to your name that you put your motto or your favorite verse of Scripture. I am enclosing postage for the return of the book.

Your sermon on August 8 was one of the greatest I have ever heard. I was much impressed with your story of David Kelso. Is this story in print? Is it in any of your books? If not, if you will have your secretary write it out for me, I will be glad to pay her and pay you for the trouble. I would like very much to have this story for my files.

Assuring you that I greatly appreciate your kindness in these matters, I remain

Sincerely yours,

C. Aubrey Hearn  
Editorial Associate

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To Our Members and Friends—

I have a deep feeling that the minds and hearts of all lovers of our Church look forward most keenly to the three services of our 40th Anniversary Week, on Friday Evening, September 17; and Sunday Morning and Evening, September 19.

And it is most certain to me that your expectations will be heightened when you learn from my letter today something about the Christian leader who is to be our guest speaker at all these services.

This man of God is none other than our own beloved Dr. Robert E. Speer of Rockledge, Lakeville, Connecticut. The name of Dr. Speer is a household name among the ministers of all denominations, both Protestant and Catholic, throughout the world. I say that advisedly because it is the solemn truth. And not only ministers, but laymen as well know him as a great Christian leader.

Dr. Speer served as the Chairman of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. throughout a career of better than 40 years and through his inspiration and devotion, literally thousands of young men and young women of two generations were sent to all regions of the world to carry the Gospel of our Lord.

Dr. Speer is a man of great intellectual attainments. His Christian publications are numbered by the score and are read and studied by thousands of Christians everywhere. It is possible for us to say that there is not a man or a woman living who has had such a positive influence upon youth as Dr. Speer. He is a man of wide vision, deep convictions, and simple faith. His audiences during his long life perhaps soar beyond the million mark in numbers.

I can openly claim that never before in the history of North East Cleveland has such a Christian leader appeared in our midst. We are indeed fortunate in securing him for these Anniversary Services.

I urge each and every family of the Church to make a sacrifice, if necessary, to hear him at every service. His topics will be as follows:

Friday Evening: "Having a Church in One's Home"  
Sabbath Morning: "The New World We Want"  
Sabbath Evening: "The Presence That is Always With Us"

Make your plans now; set aside these hours. Please spread the word far and wide among your friends and associates. I would not be surprised to see our church auditorium packed for all three services. My heart's desire is that you will be present.

Sincerely yours,

Leroy C. Hensel, Pastor

LCH/HS

Note: If you have not sent in your list of names to receive the Committee's official invitation to these services, do so at once. You will render your friends a service; they will appreciate our beautifully printed welcome.

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September 25, 1943

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My dear Dr. Speer,-

Our people will be thinking of your wonderful messages for a long time to come. This week has been a week of intense activity for me as I gathered together the values of this Anniversary. And with it all I contracted a heavy cold which by this Saturday night is all but gone. I look forward to a glorious day on the morrow.

Last evening I assisted in the installation of Dr. Stewart at the Cleveland Heights Presbyterian Church. God wonderfully blessed the people and all who attended.

I trust that you arrived home safely and that you have not suffered physically from the trip here. It was ever so kind of you to come to our Church which is a moderate size congregation. I have heard ever so many people say: "Dr. Speer must be a fine and wholesome Christian man to come to our Church. We always expect such great leaders to visit churches like Old Stone and Covenant but hardly a Church of the size of Immanuel".

There were about 800 people who heard your messages at the three services. I mean not that many individuals but that many attendants. The impressions for good will be lasting. We received 24 persons into membership on the preceding Wednesday evening; 16 families were represented.

I am enclosing a letter that was opened by mistake and not read. Please excuse me for not noticing it was yours; among about 25 others I just did not read the envelope.

During the Anniversary we received a total of \$ 2,289.65 of which \$ 1,700.00 goes toward our Church debt. This does not include the current offerings either. I suppose that those offerings would amount to about \$ 300.00 on Sabbath morning.

We are now in our campaign to erase this final \$ 8,000.00 of bank debt; we trust the good Lord to see us through to victory and he will if we all work hard and do our part.

God bless you and your family always! When you have the time, I'd be glad to have a word from you. I have an article in the course of preparation for The Presbyterian; when it appears, I'd be happy for your reaction.

Fraternally yours,

*Leroy C. Hensel*  
Leroy C. Hensel.

Hervey, W. E.  
148 Highland Avenue  
West Alexander, Penna.

Dear Doctor Speer:

Doctor Hervey received your letter was very glad to hear from you again, and to know that you are again on the Foreign Mission Board, able to go about and do those things that are most pleasing to you. It's lifes activities that makes life worth living.

Dr Kerr was down one afternoon and told us of meeting you at the General Assembly, he seemed so happy that he had met you, had a long

Conversation together.

What a blessing that you have your daughter and her children home with you instead of being in England. Now you have peace, otherwise there would be no peace for any of your family.

My brother had to bring his car up here and get a man to drive him down to his 265-acre farm every other week to get some thing to eat. The war has called both of the young men from of Dr's farm, leaving Walter, the Father, here to look after every thing and to do about every thing. It has just about made him sick, for he will have to sell off his cattle and the rest of his stock.

Dr. Hervey is a lot better than he has been for several years, he is able to eat more of the different foods, sleeps better and looks better. He has not much strength but he is always able to go, and eats three good meals <sup>every</sup> three times a day. We are still doing some foreign mission work.

With kind regards to your family and yourself,

Yours Cordially

Doctor W. E. Hervey

Mrs. Mary Hervey Black

Aug. 4-1942.

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August 5, 1943

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Dear Dr. Speer:-

It was a joy to hear your message regarding Dr. Irving on Monday last. My only regret was that all the Board members and Staff did not hear your splendid tribute. Some, I know, are not enthusiastic over the seminar movement, but this, I think, is largely due to their ignorance of it. And now their opportunity to have a closer knowledge of it is gone.

Dr. Irving's going means a deep loss to me personally. He gave one such an uplift, and then, too, it means such a change in my work. I doubt whether his work will go on under the present regime. I am very tired and feel a change of environment would be good for me mentally and spiritually - but where to find such an environment. All I can do is to pray for clear guidance that I may be led to do the right thing and to be patient while the road ahead is being cleared. It has been a joy to be associated with you and if I can serve you at any time please feel free to call upon me.

Sincerely yours

*Helen D. Heston*

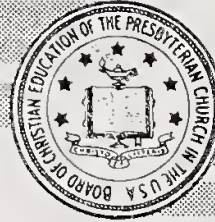
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August 9, 1943

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:-

Your kind and understanding letter is received to-day. I shall indeed be most happy to type anything you may send in for Mrs. Irving, or pertaining to the work in any way. If I had had my wits about me I would have taken my book and pencil and followed you as you delivered your address - but I feared my emotions.

I am leaving the office for my vacation on Friday the 13th but have a typewriter at home on which the work may be done if necessary should the copy not be received before I leave. My home address is 4102 Parrish Street, Philadelphia (4), Pa.

I presume Dr. Campbell will be writing you early upon his return.

Thanking you for your kindness and good wishes,

Most sincerely yours

*(Mrs.) Helen D. Heston*

For the Department of Faith and Life

*Higgin bottom, Sam*

**Allahabad Agricultural Institute**  
**Allahabad Christian College**  
**American Presbyterian Mission**

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

ALLAHABAD, INDIA

February 13, 1941

Dear Friends,

Since my return from America, to my duties as Principal and Teacher of Bible and Rural Economics was added membership on a Government Committee to consider the complete re-organization of the Government Agricultural Department and agricultural education in the United Provinces. When we started agricultural education thirty-one years ago, we almost had to pay students to come, it was so unpopular. But to-day there are four non-Government colleges and many high schools teaching agriculture. At least half a dozen other junior colleges have made application to teach agriculture. The work on the Committee has taken me away many days and besides I have advised two junior colleges in connection with these applications. The Institute has an increasingly important function in maintaining educational standards in this period of expansion. Some of our graduates are teaching in these colleges and we are being urged to provide advanced training to give better preparation for such posts. We still have to refuse about five students for each one we admit.

India is increasingly concerned with world affairs. I have been called upon to speak to a number of university and other bodies, like the Rotary in Lucknow, to try and interpret to India, American public opinion. I am not quite sure how good I am at this. We sailed from San Francisco, the 8th of July, 1940, during the period of deepest gloom over the unexpected collapse of France. Unfortunately, our mails have taken anywhere from two to three times the normal length of time in getting from the United States to us. We hear a few things over the radio from Manila. We have not been able to get the United States direct, but from what I gather, public opinion in America is changing about as fast as any nation's in history.

In September the Institute rejoiced at the return of Mr. Hayes, our horticulturist, his wife, our Institute doctor, and Mr. Brooks, our chemist. In October the new missionaries came—Dr. and Mrs. Millen, Mr. and Mrs. Strong and Miss Katherine Hoffman, an M.Sc. in Home Economics. Her parents were missionaries in Korea. Dr. Millen is a veterinarian and bee expert and Mr. Strong an agricultural engineer. Mrs. Millen, Mrs. Strong and Miss Hoffman will strengthen our Home-Making Department.

On our own farm we find that the problems involved in dairying and in growing field and horticultural crops are so different from those in the United States, because of difference in climate, soil, and the crops grown, that American methods need modification. Several of our staff are doing research in the immediate problems connected with profitable agriculture. We stress the profits, for unless we show the students that they can get a living out of their training here, there is not much point in our teaching agriculture.

Some of the major problems on which we have been working, such as cattle breeding, and the development of plows and other implements to meet the needs of the ordinary farmer, I have mentioned in previous letters. This work continues, with increasing success. The engineering department is also making barrel churns and other dairy implements, after years of experiment to find a suitable wood which would not impart an unpleasant taste to the milk or butter. The cost is far less than the price of imported implements, which are too expensive for most Indian dairymen. Our department of agronomy has been testing local varieties of crops against those recommended by the Government. While India is rich in the variety of fruits and vegetables grown, because of the difficulties involved, few villagers grow them for their own use, and because of their poverty, they cannot buy them. What an abundant supply of these would mean in the improvement of public health, it is hard to exaggerate. So our horticultural department is steadily working away at methods of increasing the supply and lowering the price. American grapefruit trees have proved an exceedingly valuable introduction on our farm, but still present problems. We are looking for a rootstock resistant to disease. Deficiencies of minor elements in the soil are appearing and must be studied. The plant pathologist, Dr. Vestal, has his hands full



with these problems, an obscure but serious disease of the papaya, and many diseases of farm crops.

While we were home on furlough, friends gave my wife enough money for some of the most urgent needs of the Home-Making Department. By the time we returned Mrs. Vestal had secured Government recognition for the course taught, and had twelve girls, all high school passed, in residence. A new dormitory must be ready by the time a new class is admitted in July. The University has appointed a committee to study woman's education and has co-opted Mrs. Vestal and my wife. We hope that before long our girls will be taking their exams for a B.Sc. in Home Economics. Many Indians who have studied this proposed course are favourable to it because, in general, women's education has sadly neglected the home.

I don't want to weary you with what fascinates me—the growth and development of our projects which prove beneficial and acceptable to the needy people of India. Much of this has been made possible through the prayers and generous giving of our friends in the U.S.A. To-day about 50 percent of our income is raised in India. Old students of the Institute have this year encouraged us with useful gifts. I have been greatly disturbed by reports from our treasurer's office, indicating that our income from America has been seriously reduced. Unless we get relief we will have to give up or restrict some of our vital work. No one need fear that a small gift is unappreciated, for most of our money comes in small gifts.

Before I retire, in less than three years, I would like to see a chapel, a library, a seed-store, an infirmary, the men's dormitory completed, the laboratories enlarged, a dormitory and laboratory for the Home-Making Department and faculty bungalows. What appropriate memorials these buildings would be.

Recently we took a missionary and his wife around the farm and Institute. At lunch afterwards he asked, "But how do you relate all this to evangelism?"—a question often asked and that must be answered. Most of our students are in a daily Bible class. At each weekly assembly when all the college comes together I usually give a religious address. Our better grain, fruit, vegetables and milk will give food to the hungry and better health. In India the infant mortality is the highest in the world, mainly because there is no good milk available when the baby is weaned. Today my wife brought in from the village a sick baby and a boy of fourteen with dropsy and an ulcer. Dr. Hayes said the baby might survive with expert care but has little chance under conditions as they are in that village home. In helping such cases we are linking healing and evangelism as Jesus did.

I have the feeling that all of our work is evangelistic in the deepest sense in that it is revealing to our Indian neighbours that God is the Creator of all men everywhere, and loves His children, and wants them to have all His good gifts. Jesus the Saviour of the World is concerned with everything that makes for the physical and mental and spiritual well-being of man.

My wife joins me in kindest regards and best wishes to all our good friends.

Yours sincerely,

*Sam Higginbottom*

P.S. Information regarding our needs can be had from the Board of Foreign Missions, 156 Fifth Ave., New York City.

Ans. as one  
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Mrs. W. Bobbington (Lisetta)

Route 3.

Newfield Ave

Stamford, Conn.

July 31, 1943.

Robert E. Speer,  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Mr. Speer -

Although I know you  
are a very busy man and  
although you may not be  
in Lakeville, at present I  
am going to try to reach  
you any way for I feel per-  
haps you can help - by just  
a bit of Golden Rule  
action. towards our son -  
Marshall Newton Higgins.

This is why I presume

2) to write you. We are very anxious for Marshall to attend Mt. Hermon School, because it was through his own request that we heard of it.

The school seems like an answer to prayer - and now we have found it, Gordon F. Pyper, director of admissions is not sure if Marshall will be admitted.

Marshall\* is at Camp Sloane, Lakeville, and as a Counselor\* is employed until Aug. 29. What I am hoping is that perhaps you could let him come see you at Lakeville on his

\* transfer Marshall into part of year on transfer from Counselor

3 day off or evening off - and you could tell Mr. Pyper about him, for when you see what type he is, you'll (I hope) want him at Mt. Hermon. He is so earnest about Mt. Hermon and no matter what catalogue came from other places, he'd always say he wanted Mt. Hermon. It has an I.Q. of 150.

As soon as I saw Dwight L. Moody's name as founder I had wanted Mt. Hermon!! I took a three year Correspondence course from Moody Institute, and when we lived in Los Angeles I took a Bible class course from Mrs. A. L. Dennis at the Los

4) Angles Bible Institute. It is seldom one finds anything like Mt Hermon - and I do hope you will help us, for since Marshall can't go up to be interviewed because of his job - I thought of asking you.

Likely you do not remember me, but back in 1913-14 or 15 I interviewed you in Michigan, when I was a reporter. I was much impressed with your message.

I am presuming I know, but I am sending the enclosed Christmas letter about us - so you can see Marshall's environment a bit, and maybe become interested in helping him to be a Mt Hermon student -  
C. deally - Lillian N. Higgins

Higgins, Lisetta

Sept. 12, 1943.

D4 (Mrs. M.B.)

Dear Mr. Speer -

Before I do another thing towards carrying I want to stop long enough to tell you we want to thank you again and again for your help and interest!

Perhaps you have heard Marshall was accepted. We received word on Sept 4 and he left on Sept 8. Mr. Higgins meet with him - and I can truly say I never knew Mr. Higgins to enthus as he has about what he

saw at Mount Hermon.  
We have had one letter  
from Marshall and he  
also seems very happy  
and glad to be there!

I realize we owe  
you very much and  
we are so grateful.

Please won't you  
come see us some time  
when you are near us?  
we'd be honored to have  
you - and I'd so love

To serve you  
some of our  
food from the  
Victory garden.  
to be daily  
used

Mrs. M. B. Higgins

grate-  
fully -  
Lillian  
Neckon  
Higgins

P.S. If Mrs. Spear could  
come, we'd be doubly  
Please.  
Phone is  
Stamford 3-4410

Higley, A. P.

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**CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
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June 2,  
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Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Lakeland,  
Connecticut.

Dear Dr. Speer,

We shall not soon forget your address in Calvary Church on the lessons of history and we are thankful to that good Providence which made it possible for you to come to us at the conclusion of our Fiftieth Anniversary celebration. The influence of that Sunday and your stirring message will linger with us all for many years.

For the Session and myself I send to you our affectionate greetings and deep gratitude.

Very sincerely yours,

A. P. Higley



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CARL E. HOLMES  
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NEW YORK  
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WHITEHALL 3-2000

December 8th, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Winfield Scott Hotel,  
323 No. Broad Street,  
Elizabeth, N. J.

My dear Dr. Speer:-

I have heard your two lectures "About God" and "About Man" and am writing you to say how much I appreciate your simple presentation of these two vitally important subjects.

To my mind one of the reasons why our Churches are not better attended is because of the undigestible material of many of the sermons of our Protestant ministers. We need to return to a simple, direct and effective kind of a religion, such as you expound.

I am hoping that before the week is over that you will in some way emphasize the need for straight thinking about our problems. In this connection I enclose some of my writings along these lines and would welcome an opportunity to discuss a plan which I believe would be a great aid to our educational system.

I am a member of the Session and also the Sunday School Superintendent at Westminster.

Sincerely,

Carl E. Holmes

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these little flowers  
came out of my yard.  
Trust they arrive  
in fresh shape -

Sincerely  
Georgia Hodges

Greenwood Se

my dear Mrs Speer:

Your husband  
in the ~~last~~ speaker I  
have ever had the  
pleasure to hear. If he  
comes South again  
please come with him  
and be my guest.

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Homrighausen, E.G.

Princeton, N.J.  
July 16, 1943

Dear Doctor Speer:

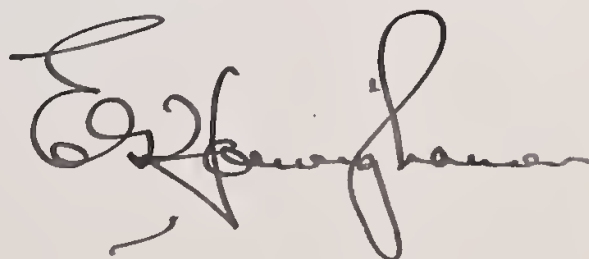
I want to write you to tell you how deeply everyone appreciated your expositions on the Gospel of John at the Institute. Your opening address, too, set a high standard for the entire program. We thank God for every remembrance of you. We also wish you continued health of body and of spirit as you serve Christ through His Church in your ever-increasing ministry.

I also want to apologize for the embarrassment which was yours after the last period this morning. I want to assume any blame for anything which may have offended you. Dr. Wilson's intention was sincere and his words were a fitting tribute to you and your work. And he has so many fine gifts. I am sorry that we did not seek to appreciate his efforts. My only concern is that you may have been offended.

Thank you again for coming. And please accept my apologies.

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,



Ps. 119:165

Hopkins, Martin A.

# NORTH CHINA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY HOME COUNCIL

(REPRESENTING THE NORTH CHINA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT TENGHSIEN, SHANTUNG, CHINA)

April 24th, 1943.

Dr. Robert E. Speer,  
Rockledge,  
Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

Knowing through Dr. W. M. Hayes your interest in the North China Theological Seminary and your appreciation of the work it has done, I am sure that you will be glad to learn that steps have been taken by some of us to insure the continuation and expansion of the work in the future. So I am enclosing one of our folders and a letter addressed to the friends of the Seminary.

For fifteen <sup>years</sup> I have been one of the professors of the Seminary, but as I am a member of the Southern Presbyterian Mission you would not be likely to know me. When I returned on my first furlough in 1925 I think you were on the same vessel, but doubt if you would remember me, as that has been a long time ago. I was one of the Gripsholm repatriates who returned to this country last August.

In my earlier life as a student I heard you with great profit and blessing, and have derived much benefit from the reading of your books. The last one I read was your life of George Bowen, which I read in Tsinan Hospital while recovering from an operation early in 1941. It was just the day before I left the hospital that Dr. Hayes fell and broke his hip, and for three months occupied the room vacated by myself.

My children are now all grown, my two boys in the army, and my oldest daughter an appointee of your Mission Board studying Chinese out in Berkeley. You may know her and her husband--Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Crothers. My wife desires to stay in this country a while with my younger daughter, and would be willing for me to go out to West China if the way opens up. This is what I would like to do this fall.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours in His service,

Martin A. Hopkins

132 Coulter Avenue,  
Ardmore, Penna.

Dear Friends:

We feel sure that all who know the splendid work done by the North China Theological Seminary in the past, will rejoice that plans are already under way to assure, as far as possible, the continuation of the Seminary as soon as the war is over, and that each one of you will desire to have a share in the realization of these plans. Definite plans must be made and funds raised before the war is over. For if we wait till the war is over it will be too late.

This war has demonstrated both the necessity and the possibilities of right leadership. Wrong leadership brings disaster, while right leadership brings victory. It is as necessary for the church as for the state to have right leadership. In order to produce such leaders men and women must be properly trained. For twenty-three years the North China Theological Seminary has been training young people to become efficient workers and leaders in the church in all parts of China. The war has not lessened this need for well trained young people but increased it.

Before the war is over and it is possible for us to return to our present location in occupied China, it may be possible to establish a branch of the North China Theological Seminary somewhere in West China for training young people to meet the needs and opportunities which are so urgent there. We are the logical ones to meet this need and utilize this unique opportunity. For in West China there is no seminary now giving the same type of training that the North China Theological Seminary has been giving.

Early in 1941 a special committee of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. visited West China to investigate the opportunity for opening work there. In their report we find this significant sentence: "The greatest single need we have seen in the whole of West China is the training of Chinese Church workers."

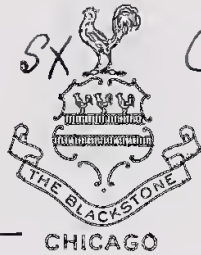
Missionaries of other mission boards who have worked in West China have also emphasized the need for trained workers. One who is now planning to return soon to West China not only emphasizes the need, but assures us that suitable buildings can be secured for opening a branch of the North China Theological Seminary. If one or two of us can go out to West China to start the work, we feel sure that a faculty of Chinese and missionaries can be secured there.

The enclosed folder will tell you more of what needs to be done as well as the aims of the North China Theological Seminary Home Council. Please receive this as a personal letter to each one, and read it and the folder carefully and prayerfully. Let us do what we can at once. Small gifts as well as large are acceptable. If you have friends who might be interested, more folders can be obtained on application.

Yours in Christ's service,  
N. C. T. S. Home Council,  
Martin A. Hopkins, Secretary.

Horne, Mrs. Robert

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April 20<sup>th</sup> 1943

Dr Robert Speer - CHICAGO

The lone lady you prayed for last Sab Ev, was my self - Thank you - It was a RED letter day in my life to hear Dr Speer speak twice in one day. God

directed my steps to Fourth Church as I had not been in it for 30 or 40 yrs - Before I left my Sisters home a young lady said to me you'll have to go to the gallery -

I said oh no - They won't put an old lady up there - I was given a seat third from front - Three ladies shook hands with me & one

invited me to the meetings this wk.  
The Pastor will be glad to know  
that a lady from a small country  
town was made Welcome in the  
first Pres Church in Chicago -  
My husband & I spent 47 yrs in  
Home mission fields in Dak &  
Minn. I have read hundred  
of articles you have written in  
Presbyterian, Women & Missions  
& Forward, and I had never  
thought that some day I might  
look on the face of the Man  
that had sowed the Good Seed  
in the hearts & lives of so many  
people he would ever meet in  
this life. - What a joy it will be  
to meet them in heaven -



Hotchkiss, Tom

118 PINE STREET  
PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK  
TEL. PEEKSKILL 1452

May 7 - 1941

Dear Bobbie →

Your thoughtful letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> is much appreciated, and both Mrs. Hotchkiss and I thank you sincerely.

Research in libraries is of course my profession and present aim, but I never heard of libraries themselves employing anyone to do it who is not a member of their staff. Have you? Library rules are very stiff about whom they employ; and I am way beyond the age limit for admission or retention either. That is, such are the conditions in New York State. I am chairman of the Library Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Field Library here, which was founded by a small endowment given by De Pulyster Field, and is nonpartially supported by City funds, and this fact

brings it under the State Education Law requiring librarian's certificate, and certain age requirements.

The thing is, so far as I am concerned, inquiries do come (rarely, but sometimes) to libraries for an experienced researcher who will help an author in his work. That is the work I do; but, as I wrote you, I have ~~found~~ found too few of these scarce opportunities to help me out when I need employment as I do now.

The good thing about the Andrew Friedman Home is: I can do research on my own projects or anyone else's, at the N.Y. Public Library or anywhere else, so long as I notify them in advance of my intention of being absent from meals.

Speaking of Mrs. H's talks on China & the Chinese, I enclose a copy of an item from a recent issue of the New Yorker which she rec'd by mail from a friend this morning.

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I suppose you saw in the Times or Tribune this morning of the death of Victor Krauffmann, who for 52 years, it says, has been treasurer and Sunday editor of the Washington Star.

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Yours, as ever,

Tom Hotchkiss

This is  
The gem from  
The New Yorker

We have faith in the Chinese. They are invincible; we are sure of that. The other day someone sent us a preface of a book published in Shanghai, called "Correctly English in Hundred Days." It goes this way: "This book is prepared for the Chinese young man who wishes to served for the foreign firms. It divided nearly hundred and ninety pages. It contains full of ordinary speak and write language. This book is clearly, easily, to the Chinese young man or scholar. If it is quite understood, that will be satisfaction."

We submit that anyone who, knowing as little English as that, goes right ahead and writes a textbook on the subject is not only brave and unique but belongs to an unconquerable race.

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THOMAS W. HOTCHKISS  
118 PINE STREET  
PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK

Jan. 9 - 1943

Dear Robert E. : —

I am not sure whether I wrote you, at the time I sent you one of the motto-calendars on Dec. 21, that I am no longer in Garrison, where I went on Oct. 31 st. to study and classify Mr. O. Ruedle Gilbert's collection of U. S. Patent Models. I was with him 1 month, 1 week & 1 day, and resigned on Dec. 10 when I found he had made no adequate preparations to heat the big building where the models were stored and where my work was.

My writing you now is prompted by re-reading your letter

Over

v/ of Oct. 26th which lies before me  
and in which you acknowledge  
receipt of the printed postal  
my wife & I sent to numerous  
friends to inform them that our  
new address would be  
"The House by the Side of the Road"  
(as we called it after Foss'  
poem of that title).

You kindly said in your letter  
of Oct. 26: "I trust that you may  
find the work altogether satisfactory."

The work was interesting and would  
have been in itself altogether  
satisfactory if ~~the~~ Mr. Gilbert had  
only thought out, and made  
preparations suitable for,  
the purpose in view. But,  
to begin with, <sup>his secretary</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>1</sup> ~~phoned~~ <sup>phoned</sup> me  
two days before we were to leave  
home, everything packed & ready  
to occupy that big 6-room house,

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118 PINE STREET  
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that the house had been sold. We had to unpack and take along only a few essentials to occupy two furnished rooms on the 3d floor of the Gilbert big stone mansion where we found we had to use his defective 2-burner electric-grill to cook our meals and experienced other inconveniences.

Well, we're glad to be back home in weather like this winter's. It was providential we didn't find a tenant to take over apartment, as we tried to. And it has proved practically necessary to be in our own house with the fuel-oil problem on our hands and the other two apartments in this house rented to excellent tenants who deserve every consideration possible.

So, again, I'm looking for  
a job - preferably one in New York  
which I can go to daily as a  
commuter. In fact, ~~it~~ it is most  
essential that I should get one in  
view of the heavy personal and  
house expenses in these times.  
I am hopeful that, possibly,  
in view of the War's demands upon  
the <sup>country's young</sup> man-power, there may be  
found something suitable for  
an ~~elderly~~ oldster like myself  
who is in good health, -  
something maybe in editorial  
work. I have found that my  
natural thoroughness and orderly  
habits of working have always  
proved a valuable asset when  
the subject matter of my task  
has been mastered.

My best to you! The urge  
is strong to "be busy" - as you say!

Sincerely yours,  
Tom Hotchkiss

Hough, S.S.

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Dear Brother = your message in Dayton  
last Sunday challenged alert leaders  
to find ways & means for better  
Kingdom advances

The memories of our fellowships  
through the past 42 yrs since we first  
met in the International Conf. in New  
York in 1900, have been a con-  
stant inspiration to me

We are <sup>in prayer</sup> with you, as you are now  
summoned to speak & counsel

The clippings I enclose set forth  
that I've been led to do since retiring  
in 1937, when many infirmities began  
to be experienced.

I have great joy in the research and  
belief a new era, <sup>for better advances,</sup> will soon be born  
for the world ahead  
Prayer & best wishes,  
Sincerely,  
S. S. Hough



Howard, Philip E.

Cable Address  
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# The Sunday School Times

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Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
Lakeville, Connecticut

My dear Rob:

In looking over some household details, I have found Dr. Henry Clay Trumbull's inkstand which used to rest on his little library table at home,- a spot in that home which you will remember as so often used by the beloved friend of both of us.

I have numerous things that remind me of him, but it occurred to me when finding this double-well inkstand that it might be one that you would like to have, if you have an appropriate place for it. The stand is made of some dark wood, and is  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches long by 6 inches wide, with a central handle between the two inkwells, and a little drawer in which there are two knife ink erasers, which I think are just what the doctor used.

Please do not take this unless you would really wish to. It might not be at all in place on any desk that you have. However, it suggests, I believe, his frequent personal use in his home and library. I used to see Dr. Trumbull sitting there at the end of his small center table with this stand beside him, while he had deposited on the floor all around him reference books of various sorts that he might be using for what he was writing, as you have seen him many times when he was at work at home. He did not have there the broad and expansive facilities for a writer that I have so often pictured in the libraries of men who produce books, but he had a fine spirit, and the keen mind, and the tireless skill in research which brought such blessing to the Christian world, and in very personal ways to young fellows like ourselves who loved him.

Tell me just how you feel about having the inkstand. I can easily send it to you whenever you say. You are inseparably in the providence of God, as I believe, in youth and in later days associated with your "father in love." Of course I hear of you through your books, many of which I have, and in other ways very often, and I should like to hear one of your powerful talks today as I heard you in recent years at a meeting of the Alliance.

With love to Emma, I am

Affectionately your old friend,

Philip E. Howard

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Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Rockledge  
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My dear Rob:

It would be hard to tell you how deeply your letter about the Group affected me. This may not seem so in view of my delay in answering your letter, but I felt, almost from the day of its receipt, that I must be denied the blessed privilege of joining with you in the Group because of the obligations implied. I am much more limited than I used to be in taking part in important matters connected with the church at large, but finding that I can meet with some degree of understanding the questions pertaining to the work of the Times. I by no means understand this any too well, but I am at the office three days a week, and with stenographic help at home on the other week days. My eyesight is quite steadily going down hill, and I have no assurance that the operation would be successful. I have diabetes, so I am told, and that must have quite frequent treatment to hinder it in its damaging course.

"So I go on not knowing; I would not if I might;  
I would rather walk in the dark with God, than  
go alone in the light,  
I would rather walk with Him by faith, than  
walk alone by sight."

My life has been so wrapped up in the life of the Sunday School Times that I do not feel entirely at home in measuring other work well enough and sympathetically enough to make it a subject of prayer with regularity. I am not writing with a gloomy view of my present limited life, but I am writing with the utmost appreciation of your willingness to take me into the circle again even though I feel that I ought not to be counted in.

I will write to Delavan about this and send him a copy of this letter to you.

I have many of your books in my small library, and I never want to feel that my life is apart from the continuing fellowship with you.

I would be very thankful, and I know that Annie would be, if you and Emma could join in prayer for Annie whose arthritic trouble increases, although she is not confined to her room.

Affectionately yours,

PEH/s

Phil

PHILIP E. HOWARD  
11 EAST CENTRAL AVENUE  
MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

April 28, 1943

My dear Rob:

You are a beloved friend at every turn of the way, and I thank you with all my heart for your letter about Annie. If I had your skill I should like to write a little study of her life, but I shall doubtless try to do a brief picture of her for the Times, although I am sure the picture will be inadequate.

I hope that the members of the Quiet Day Group will pray for me, and for the children of the family.

Affectionately your old friend,

*Phil*

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
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Lakeville, Conn.

PHILIP E. HOWARD  
11 EAST CENTRAL AVENUE  
MOORESTOWN, NEW JERSEY

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May 7, 1943

My dear Delavan:

It seemed like precious old times to be reading the prayer memoranda that you were so kind as to send me, and I do thank you for it. It had the old ring to it, and I thank you also for the note that you appended about the most important event in our family life that has ever been ours to meet. I appreciate your note the more because I know how well you knew Annie, and your words about her were very welcome. We ought not to wish her back in the life of pain that she had in the last few years, but our human frailty and weakness need divine touch laid upon them in order to have any strength at all for the days that lie ahead. I need your prayers.

Affectionately your friend,



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Dr. Robert E. Speer  
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Dear Dr. Speer:

You are one of our many friends to whom we are writing this same letter. When you know the circumstances, we are sure you will understand why we could not write a really personal letter to each one.

Mother was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia on Friday, April 2. Her health had been visibly failing for some weeks, and it finally became absolutely necessary for her to have hospital care. Apparently she had had one or two slight strokes at home. On Wednesday evening, April 7, she had another stroke, that is, a cerebral hemorrhage. From then on she was partially paralyzed, and became steadily weaker. She talked with us on Thursday, and two or three times when Bible verses were quoted, such as Isaiah 41:10, she completed the verses herself. Saturday and Sunday she was not conscious, and shortly after 9:30 on Sunday evening, April 11, she went quietly home to be with the Lord. She suffered little or no pain during the last few days.

While her homegoing is a great loss to dear Father, and to us four children, yet we are all thankful that Mother has passed beyond all suffering and is with the Lord. She had become more and more crippled with arthritis, and it was pathetic to see her in recent months. We have all witnessed many little and big providential circumstances during these last ten days showing that God's good hand was still upon us, and we are particularly thankful that Father has been sustained in a wonderful way. As many of you know, he is nearly blind, but he is as brave as ever, and looking forward to the day when he will be reunited with Mother.

Perhaps there are some things you might like to know which we have overlooked, but we have tried to tell you the most important things, and we are sure you will excuse us if the letter is not more complete. Your friendship and your prayers mean very much to Father, my brother Trumbull, my two sisters, Alice and Annie, and to me.

Sincerely your friend,

*Philip E. Howard Jr.*

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Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer  
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Dear Dr. Zwemer:

I have been delayed in both reading and writing you concerning the book you so kindly sent me some weeks ago. I have gone over it with both interest and profit. I find however, in recent months that much of my reading is no longer done for my own pleasure and profit but rather to find literature which is appropriate for the laymen with whom we are working. I am not sure who is at fault, whether it is the men who are producing books concerning Christianity and its accomplishments or whether something has happened to the average layman as a result of the great emphasis which has been placed upon secularism in his life during the past two or three decades. But for the most part books today on religion don't strike fire in the heart and mind of the average business man.

Your great knowledge of the Moslem World is indeed an asset to the Christian Church. It is most interesting to me to see the way in which you have used that information in interpreting Christianity. I fear, however, that it is too much involved for the average layman.

Men are tremendously interested in dynamic Christianity but either through neglect or the influence of liberalism many of them are unmoved by the presentation of Christianity as something static and fixed by past events rather than a faith which can be demonstrated in their daily lives by a certain attitude toward God and their fellowmen.

As for myself, I should feel it necessary to read your book several times before I was qualified to interpret to anyone else its contents.

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Sincerely yours,

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Lakeville, Conn.

Dear Doctor Speer:

I heard many, many high compliments of your addresses. I did not have a chance to hear you each time you came to the platform, but people were extravagant in their praises of your messages. I want to thank you with all my heart for coming to us.

With a host of best wishes, I am

Yours most sincerely,

Wm. E. Hudson

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Dr. Robert E. Speer  
Lakeville,  
Conn.

Dear Dr. Speer:

You are aware that recent events have thrust upon the American people a new consideration of the meaning of the separation of Church and State. Conditions, at home and abroad, create a situation, which calls for serious study and for nationwide action in the defense of the principles that undergird American institutions, of which the fundamental principle, we believe, is religious liberty.

We, the undersigned, ask you to consider with us the advisability of inviting the denominational bodies, the local churches, the various organization--religious and patriotic--of this nation, interested in the preservation of absolute religious liberty, to send chosen representatives to assemble in the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., June 11, 1940, at 10:00 A.M., for a Conference, the purpose of which shall be to define religious liberty and to plan for its defense, and to do this without prejudice against any religious group, and with good-will toward all men?

If you approve this, will you permit us to use your name in signature to such a call? Please advise us as to the issues that should be stressed in this call. Answer, if you can, by return mail. The time is short.

Cordially yours,

*James F. Siemon*

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We believe that religious liberty is a God-given, ineradicable right, to be recognized and conserved by all human agencies that exercise authority.

We believe that religious liberty is the enjoyment by the individual of the inalienable right to choose his religious affiliations, without coercion from any source whatever.

We believe that religious liberty is the ultimate ground of democratic institutions, and that whenever this liberty is questioned, restricted or denied by any group, political, religious or philosophical, the friends of religious liberty should become greatly concerned.

We believe in the complete separation of Church and State, as set forth in the First Amendment of the Federal Constitution, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

We believe that the recognition and the preservation of religious liberty by civil governments involve the acknowledgment through their constitution, written or unwritten, that religion, or the duty which every man owes to his Creator, does not come within the cognizance of the government.

We believe that the time has come for all friends of religious liberty to consider that, within the past twenty-five years, one-fourth of the population of the whole world has come under the sway of dictators who either delimit or completely destroy the religious liberties of the people over whom they rule, and considering this alarming fact, the friends of religious liberty should unite in its defense.

We believe that every friend of religious liberty should exercise himself to the utmost in the maintenance of absolute religious liberty for his Jewish neighbor, his Roman Catholic neighbor, his Protestant neighbor and for everyone else. Profoundly convinced that any deprivation of this right is a wrong to be challenged, we condemn every form of compulsion in religion, whether it be exercised by a religious body or a civil state.

We believe that the basic distinction between religious liberty and religious toleration must be clearly recognized; that the moral right to the full enjoyment of religious freedom can be consistently claimed only by those who repudiate religious coercion, and that the cultivation of a sentimental religious tolerance toward groups who within their own domain of authority deny to the individual his religious liberties should be condemned, because this tends toward the betrayal of a basic human right.

We believe that subtle and powerful forces are now at work within our own country, threatening our democratic institutions; that the surest and most effective method for maintaining security is to strengthen the hands of the people of America in the God who has granted to every man the right to religious liberty, and therefore we call upon all who serve God, all who appreciate democratic institutions and all who desire to restrain authoritarian and totalitarian aggression wherever found, to join in the defense of religious liberty.

1024 Hays Park Ave  
Kalamazoo, 30, Mich  
July 23 1943

*Huizinga, Henry*

*JSJ*

Dr. Robert E Speer,  
Lakeville, Conn

May I introduce myself as having been a missionary of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society for some forty-one years, half the time in India and the other half in Shanghai, China. I have been engaged mostly in teaching in College and University. My field was mostly English and English Literature. I have had published some 12 or 13 volumes mostly textbooks in the English field, which are still being used in many parts of China, and have had a wide sale. My name is listed in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA as a writer.

I am taking the liberty of sending you herewith a manuscript, which is quite unique in its field. My "Foreword" explains in part how I came to write a poetical version of the Gospel of John. Did you know about a poetical version of that Gospel written by a Brahman, not an avowed Christian, Rajah M. Bhujanga Rao? Will you please read my version, or some parts of it, and give me your appraisal. If you think favorably of it, I would like you to write a note that I could use as a recommendation to a publisher.

Many years ago I received much help from your Studies in John's Gospel.

Any criticisms or suggestions will be very welcome. I do not ask you to read it critically. There may be a few typographical errors. But if you can suggest ways of improving my MS I shall be glad to try. What publishers would you recommend?

I hope I am not adding too great a burden to your aged shoulders. If you are unable to read this, will you please return it.

Yours very sincerely,

*Henry Huizinga*

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Dec. 13 1941

Dr Robert E. Speer  
156 5th Ave  
New York.

Dear Dr Speer:

The enclosed cablegram from Hoi  
Pai, (unknown to me) reached me today  
after the banks were closed, from Manila  
Dec. 13. 9:16 p.

"Stranded here cable five hundred dollars  
through National City Bank to its Manila  
branch credit Rockefeller Foundation  
account Margaret Speer

Hoi Pai Great Eastern Hotel"

Possibly your daughter had given  
him a letter of introduction to me  
before sailing. This is the only

Explanation I can offer. She has not given any such letter, however, before.

Dr W. N. Wysham advises me to ask Dr Purland (by air mail) in New York to see if he can find out anything from the Rockefeller Foundation.

Possibly Hoi Pai is en route from Peiping here.

The telephone book shows no National City Bank listed in San Francisco but they doubtless have an agent.

I am not in a position myself to advance any cash, but I would like to be of help, of course.

Sincerely  
Stanley A. Hunter

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
156 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

December 21, 1941

Copy

Dear Dr. Hunter:

I wish to acknowledge your letter in regard to the cablegram received from Miss Hoi Pai.

Miss Hoi Pai is one of two students coming to this country from Yenching University for graduate study. Because they are Chinese students, a government license was necessary in order to transmit the funds to them. This license has now been secured by the Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China and the sum of \$1000 for the two students is being cabled the Rockefeller Foundation in Manila to be transmitted to them.

We appreciate your interest and prompt reference of this matter to us.

With very best wishes to you at this Christmas season,

Very sincerely yours,

Lloyd S. Ruland,  
Secretary for China.

The Rev. Stanley A. Hunter, D. D.,  
2901 Benvenue Avenue,  
Berkeley, California.

*Hurie, Wiley Lin*

## The College of the Ozarks

Clarksville, Arkansas

June 12, 1941

Dr. Robert E. Speer  
156 Fifth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Dr. Speer:

Our College, as you know, is what may be called a "Missionary College." We administer a Christian Education to some 250-300 boys and girls of the Ozarks Mountains. We have a very outstanding faculty of Christian men and women who serve in this task at great sacrifices (the highest paid member of our faculty receives \$1500 annually). We have been blessed with the generosity of Christian laymen in this work and we are grateful.

In the future months we shall continue our appeal to Presbyterian laymen in the East for current support. We find that these laymen are reassured if they know that our school has the blessing and endorsement of our leading pastors. Therefore, I am writing to you and a number of other leading ministers in the East to ask if you will write a general letter of endorsement of our school and commend it to the careful consideration of generous Presbyterians. You may address the letter to me or "To Whom It May Concern."

Your letter will be a real contribution to our work and I hope we may have the good fortune of your endorsement.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

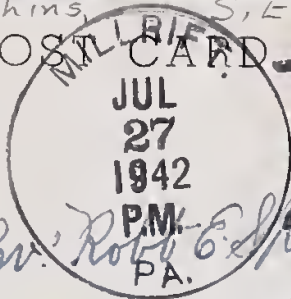
*Wiley Lin Hurie*  
Wiley Lin Hurie, President

WLH/tc

The Entrance to our Glenwood  
Mill Rift, Pa.

Hutchins, S. E.

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We are enjoying the rest you  
have. Read about Al Barth's  
slow marriage, he plays  
safe neither to young or to  
old. Ah! That Happy Medium  
Protestant service 7:30 AM  
5 PM Catholic Mass 9 AM  
Return Aug 10<sup>th</sup>. Kind re-  
gards to you & yours.  
Hoping a safe return from  
China of your jewel as you  
call her. Sydney E. Hutchins

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July 20<sup>th</sup> 43

arrived here 17<sup>th</sup> 43

Will be here until

Aug 7<sup>th</sup> The rest of the

and came away

tired. The weather is

fine. Shiver tonight.

The country is beautiful

here. The war has caused

absence of young people.

Kind regards to all

the Speer family

and Mrs S. E. Hutchins



Joy



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Dec 5, 1943.

Rev. R. E. Speer, D.D.

Lehewill - Conn

My dear Doctor Speer:

Just to acknowledge receipt of your book, but will not open it until Christmas, in order to ascertain what it is all about. I hear through others, and reading in the Paper, the safe return of your Precious Jewel of a daughter, who was interned with others, as you have spoken of as to me, so we rejoice with those who rejoice. But I know all of your anxiety will not be over until the war is over. But I hope it is Gods will to continue you and

yours, In health & Service long after  
it is ended. I met Mrs J. R. Stevenson  
several days ago. inquired after  
her boys away. also mentioned a  
bout the home coming of your  
Missionary daughter. And her face  
illuminated up. She Exclaimed!  
Margaret is beautiful. This talented  
daughter in Particular, I have never  
as yet had the good fortune to meet.  
I think of that baby Grand daughter  
of yours, that I held in my arms on  
the crossing, I suppose a big girl now  
to big and heavy to do that? But I  
presume as cute as ever. Well kind  
regards from Mrs H + I to you all. S. E. Hutchins

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WILLIAM J. HUTCHINS

THE GATESWORTH

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

n.d.

With affectionate greetings, and good wishes to  
you and Mrs. Speer.

*Wm. J. Hutchins*